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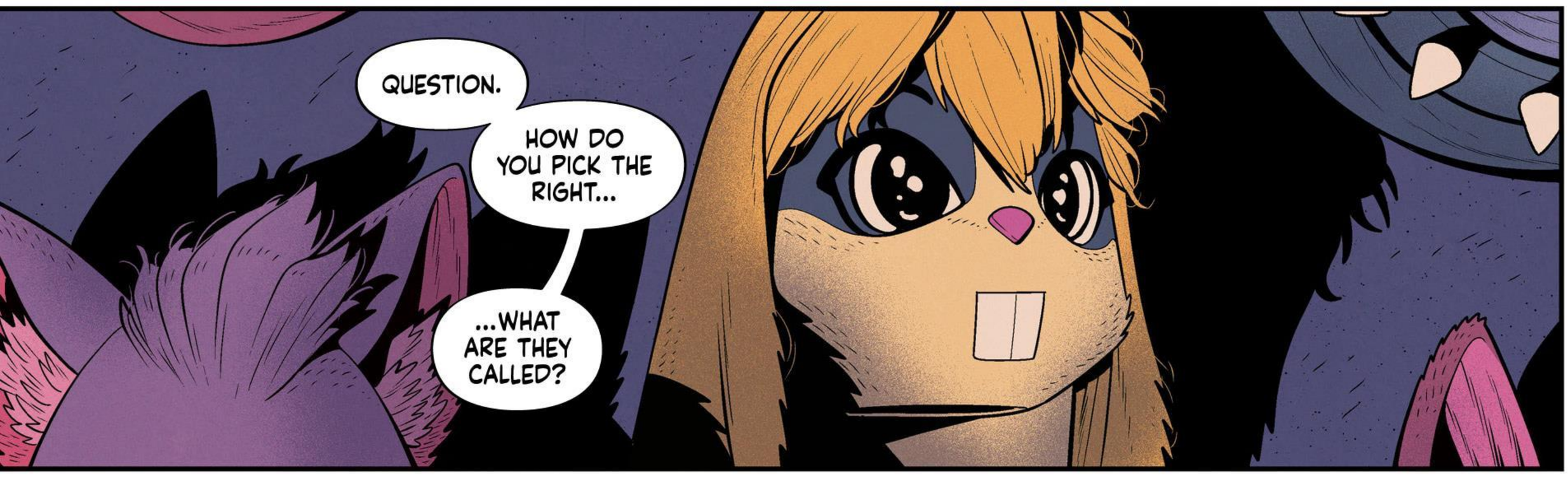
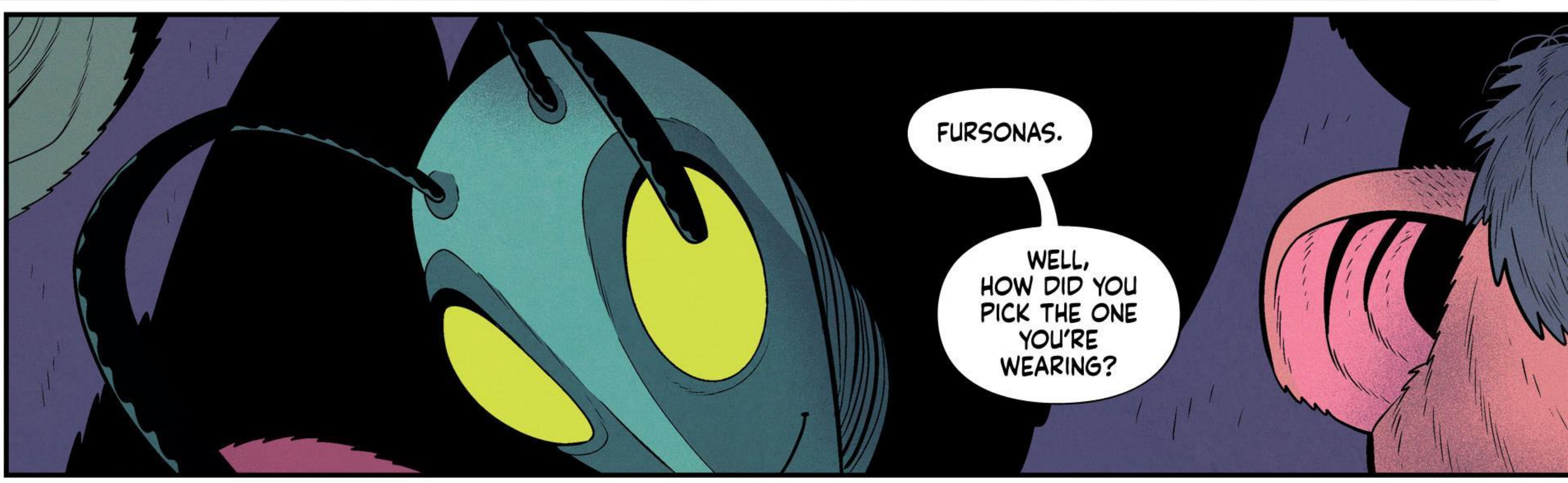
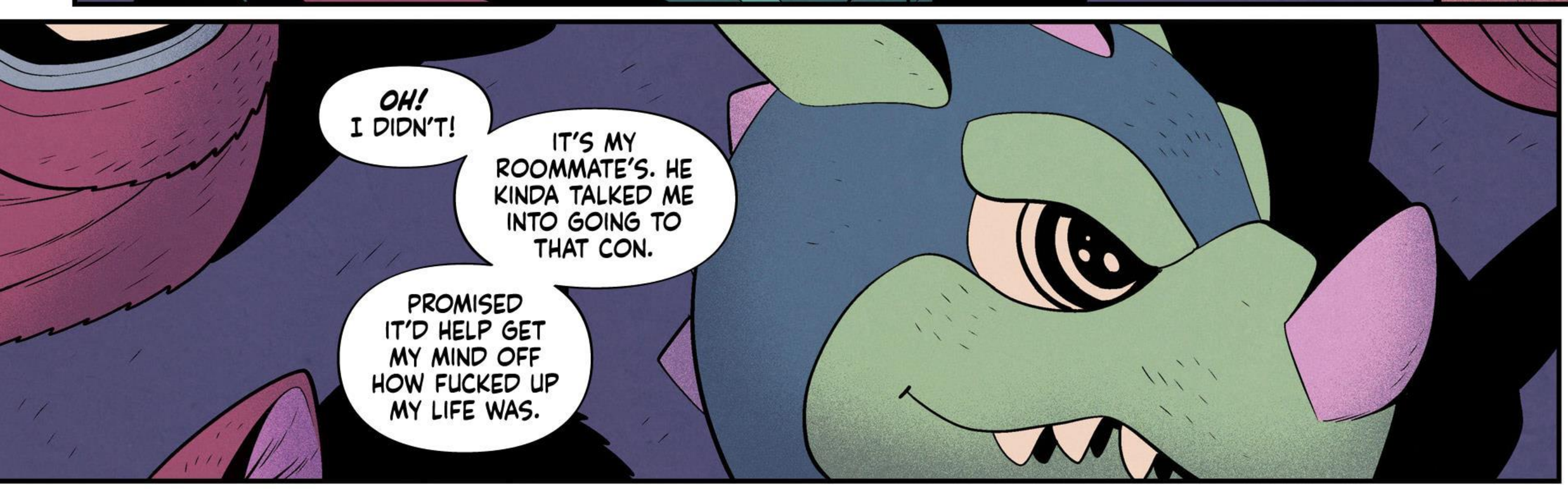
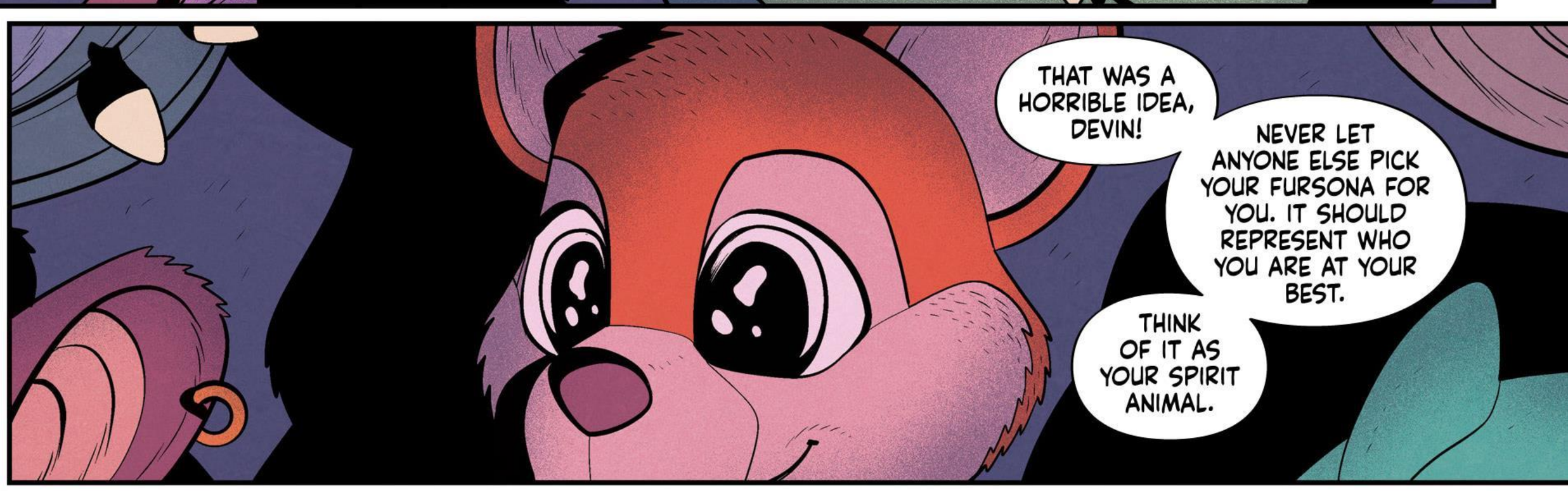
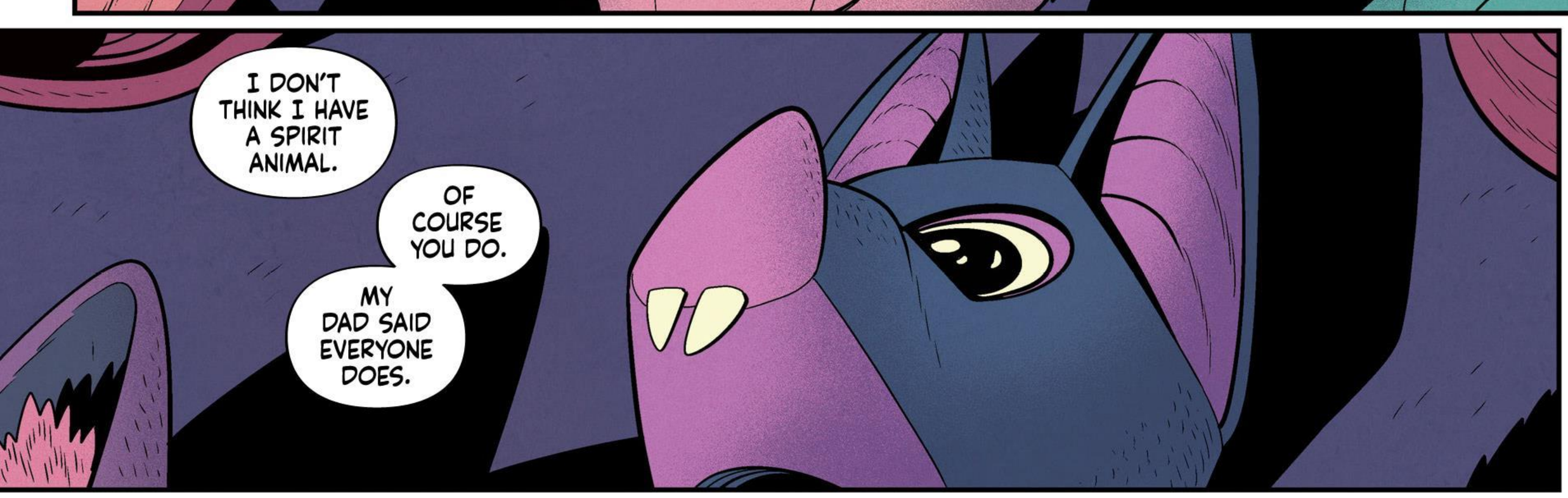
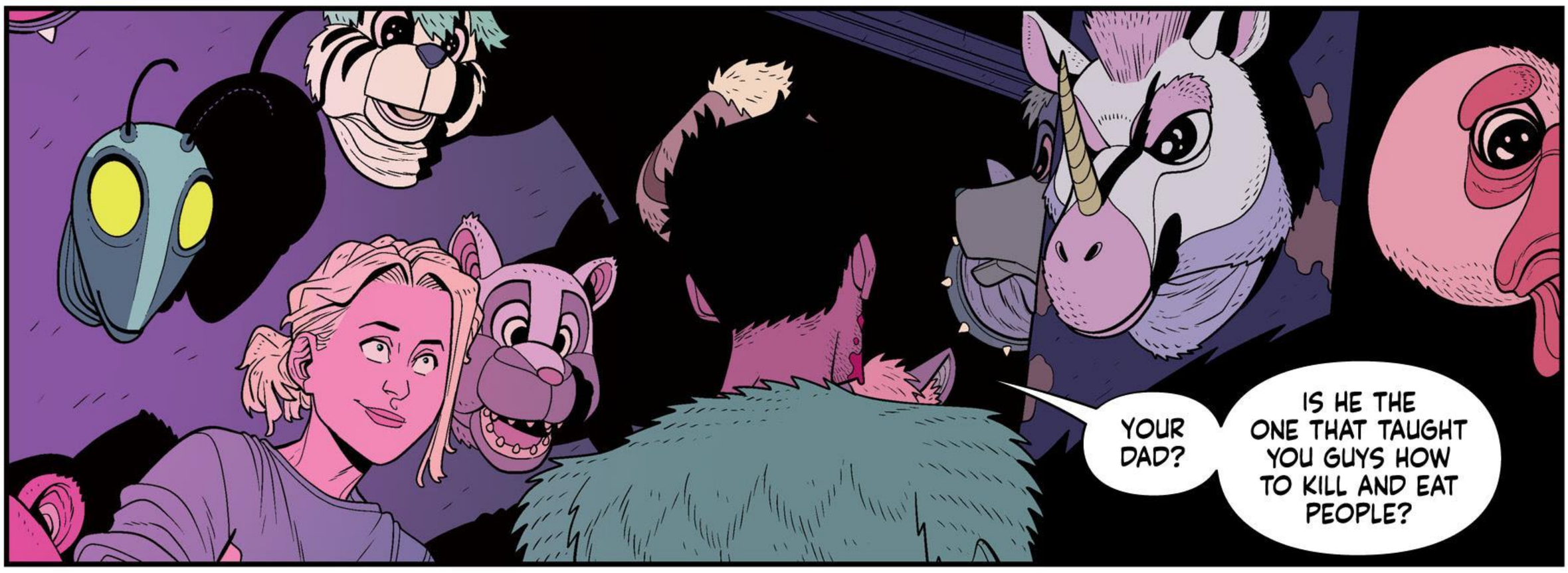

QUESTION.
HOW DO YOU PICK THE RIGHT...
...WHAT ARE THEY CALLED?

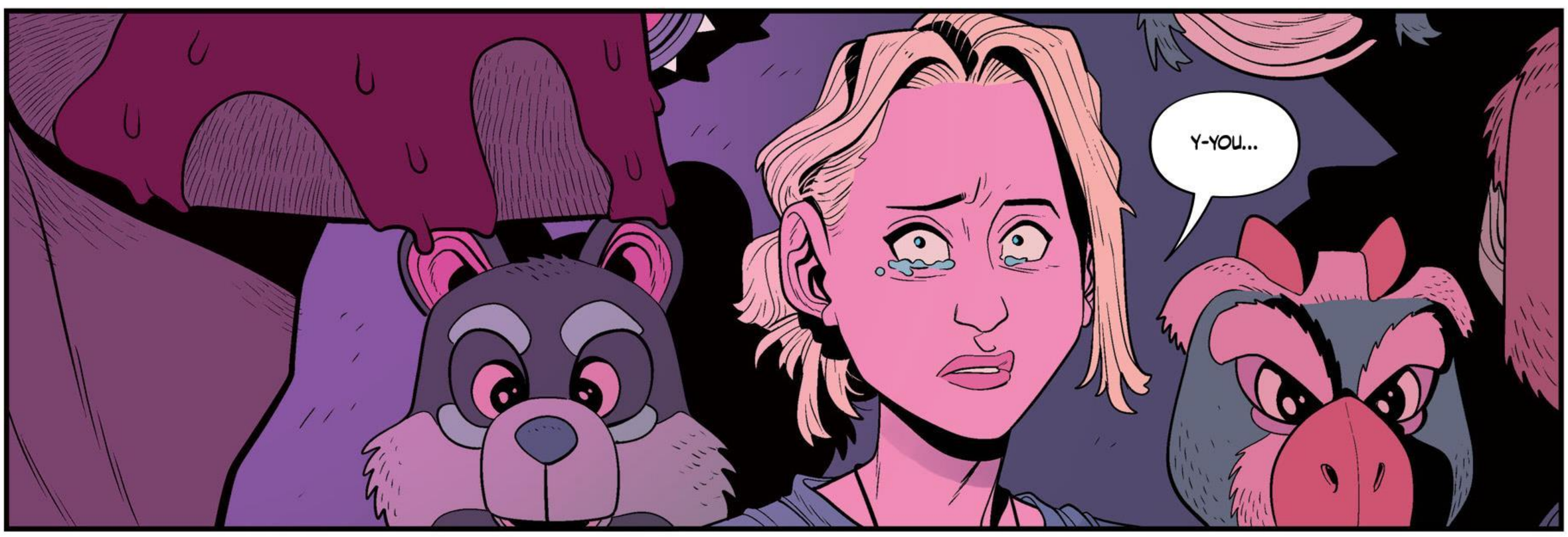

FURSONAS.
WELL, HOW DID YOU PICK THE ONE YOU'RE WEARING?


OH! I DIDN'T!
IT'S MY ROOMMATE'S. HE KINDA TALKED ME INTO GOING TO THAT CON.
PROMISED IT'D HELP GET MY MIND OFF HOW FUCKED UP MY LIFE WAS.


THAT WAS A HORRIBLE IDEA, DEVIN!
NEVER LET ANYONE ELSE PICK YOUR FURSONA FOR YOU. IT SHOULD REPRESENT WHO YOU ARE AT YOUR BEST.
THINK OF IT AS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL.


I DON'T THINK I HAVE A SPIRIT ANIMAL.
OF COURSE YOU DO.
MY DAD SAID EVERYONE DOES.


YOUR DAD?
IS HE THE ONE THAT TAUGHT YOU GUYS HOW TO KILL AND EAT PEOPLE?


Y-YOU...

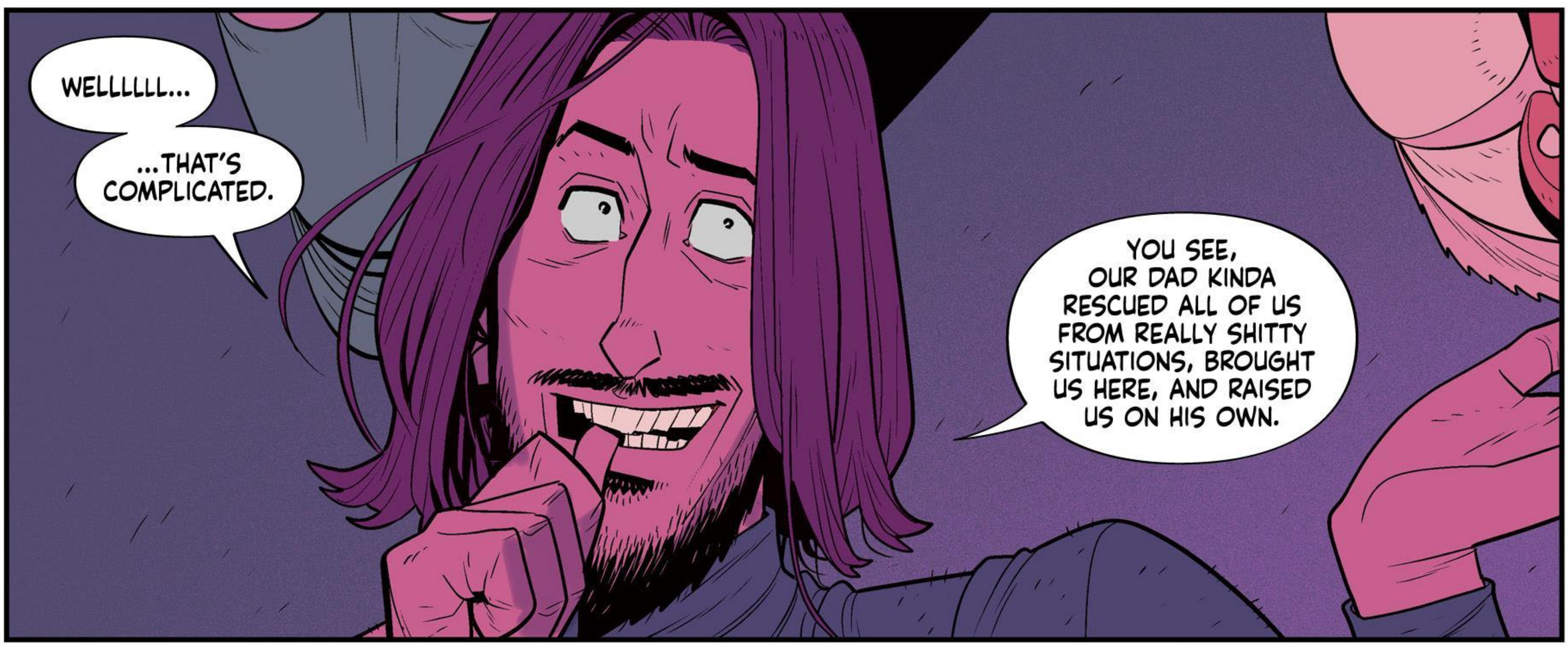
YOU'RE AN ASSHOLE!

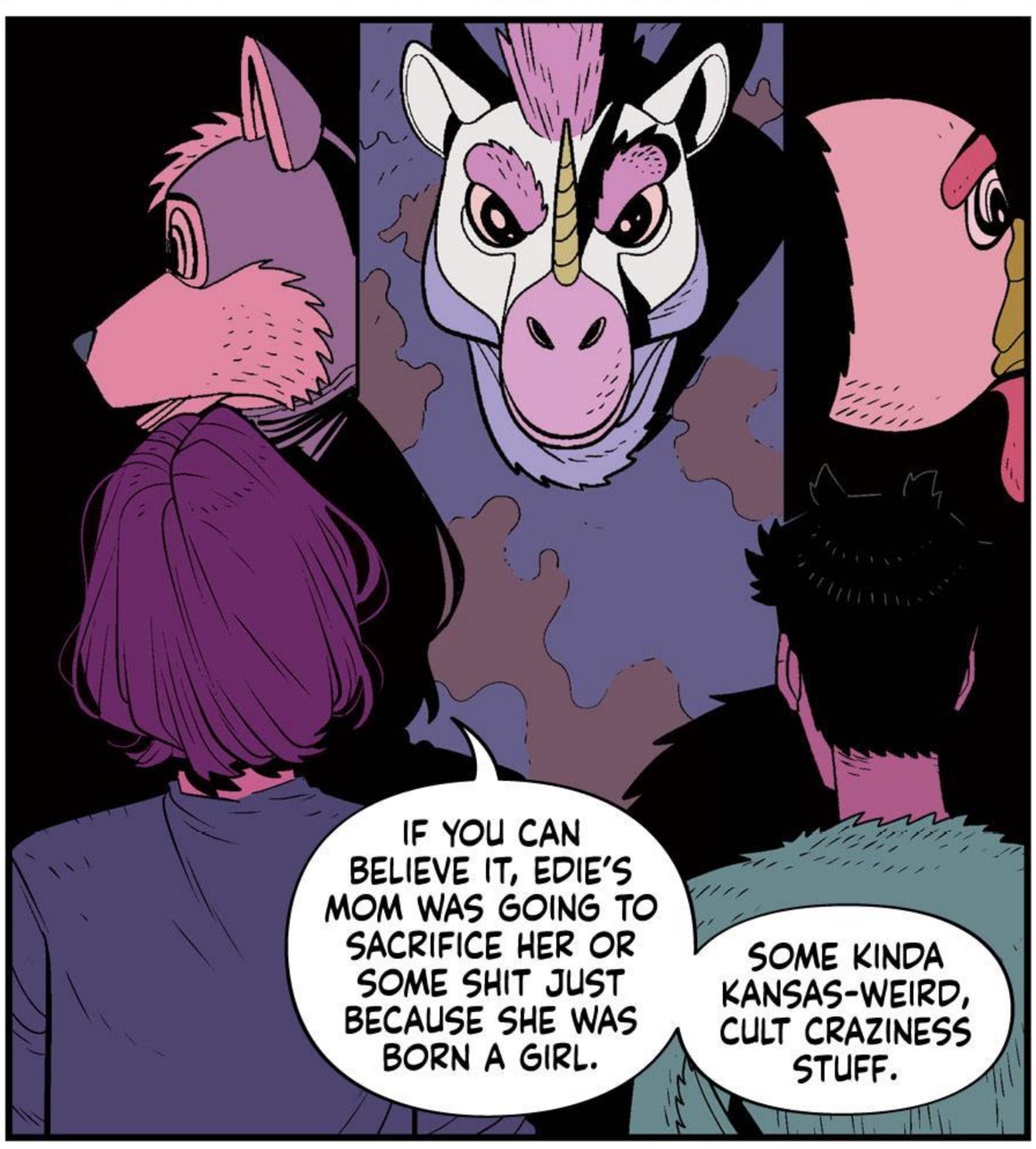
WAIT!
I DIDN'T MEAN--

WELL...
...THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER.

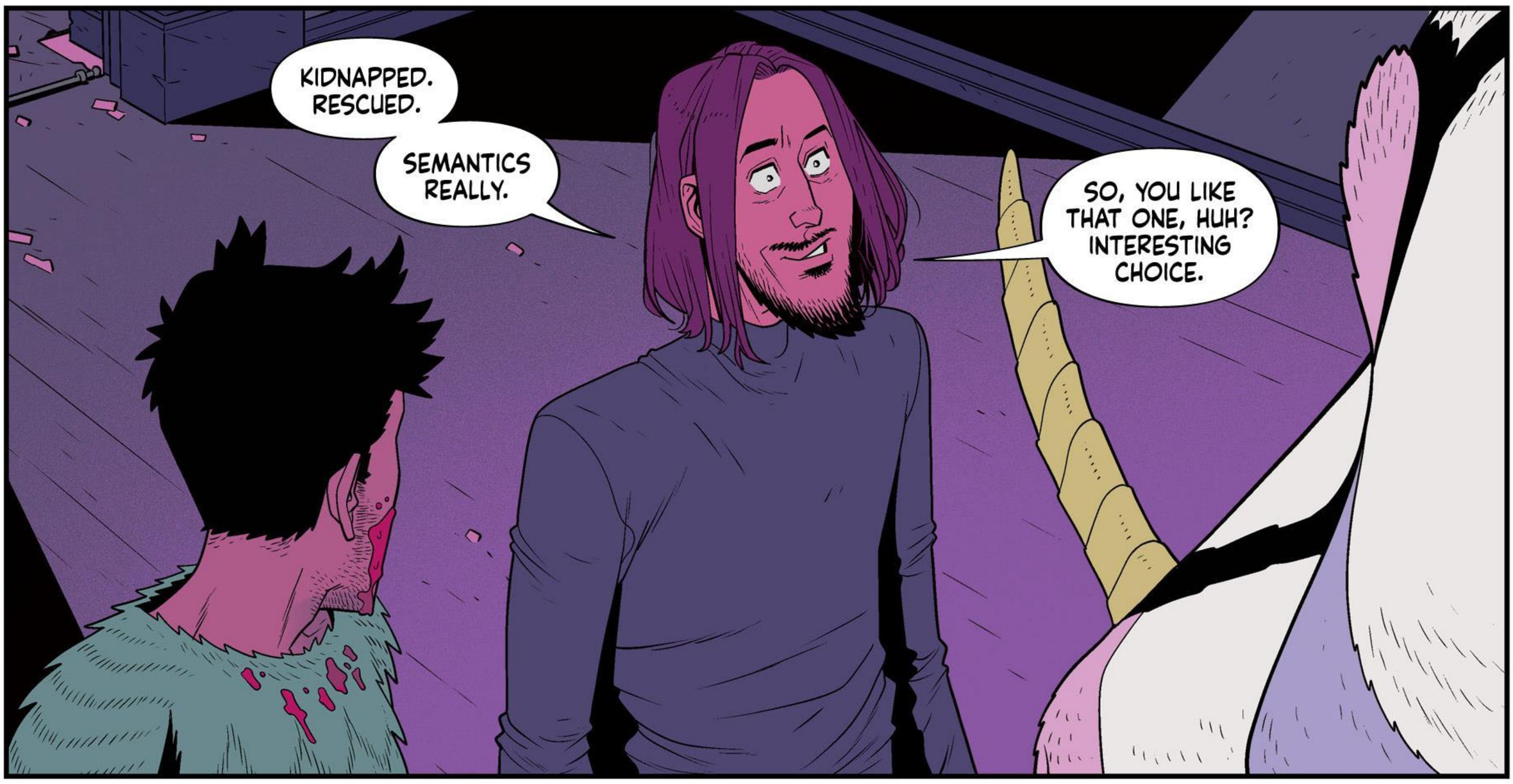
OUR DAD DIED LAST YEAR. SHE'S KINDA SENSITIVE ABOUT ALL THAT.
I WORRY SHE'S GOT ABANDONMENT ISSUES. FIRST HER MOTHER, THEN DEAR OLD DAD.
I MEAN, IT'S NOT HIS FAULT HE DIED, RIGHT?

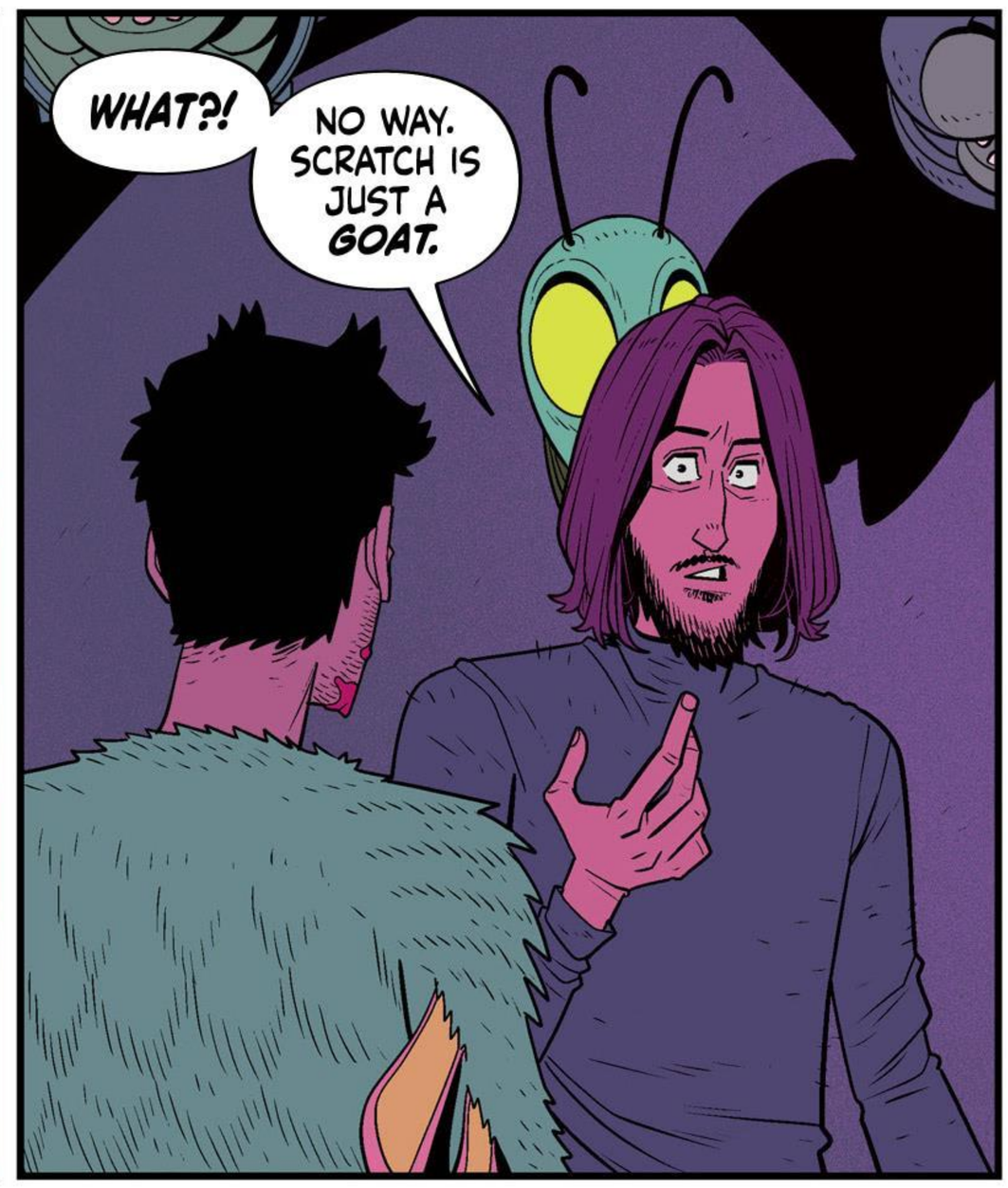
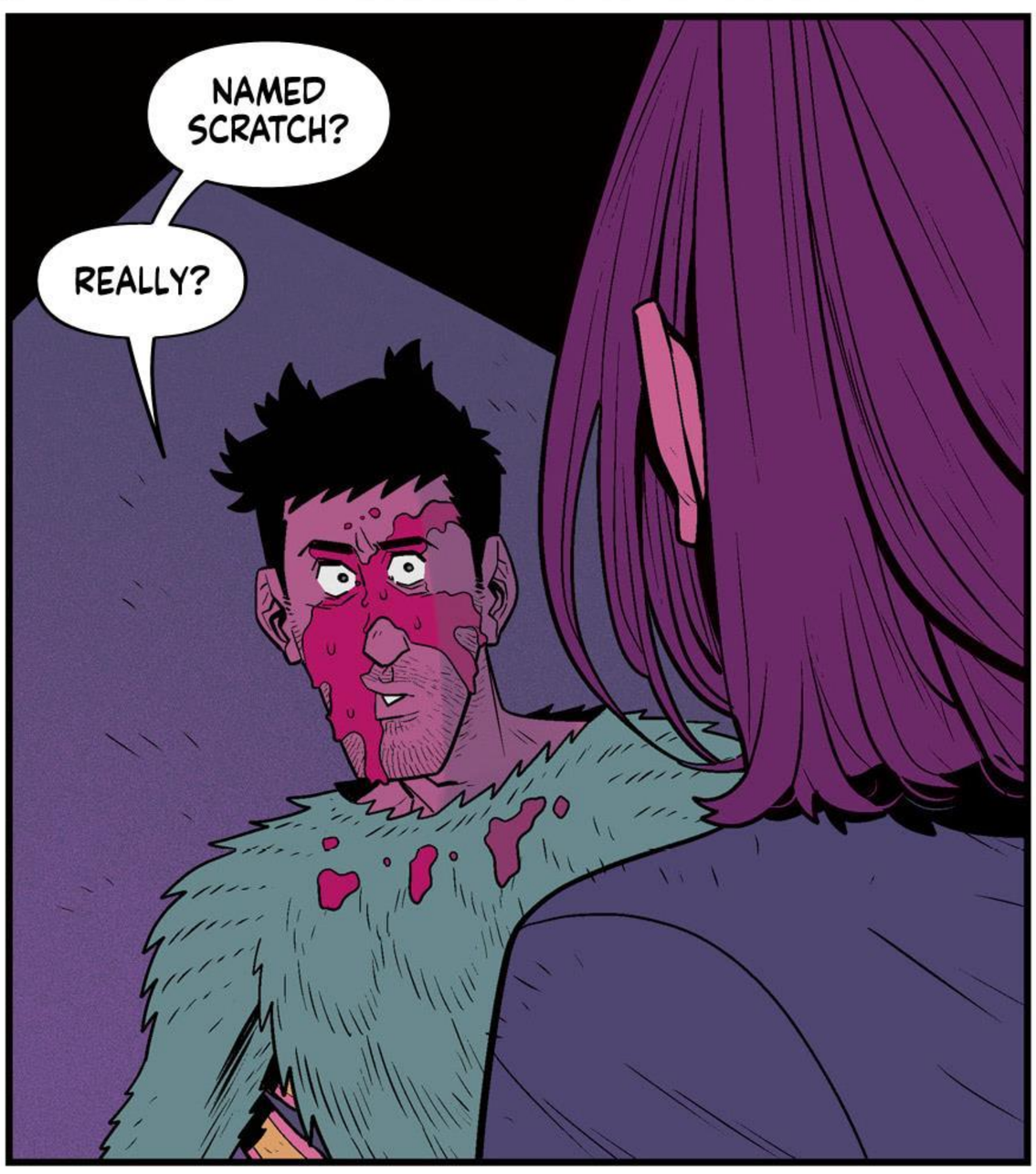
WAIT.
HER MOTHER?
EDIE'S YOUR HALF SISTER?


WELLLLLL...
...THAT'S COMPLICATED.
YOU SEE, OUR DAD KINDA RESCUED ALL OF US FROM REALLY SHITTY SITUATIONS, BROUGHT US HERE, AND RAISED US ON HIS OWN.


IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, EDIE'S MOM WAS GOING TO SACRIFICE HER OR SOME SHIT JUST BECAUSE SHE WAS BORN A GIRL.
SOME KINDA KANSAS-WEIRD, CULT CRAZINESS STUFF.

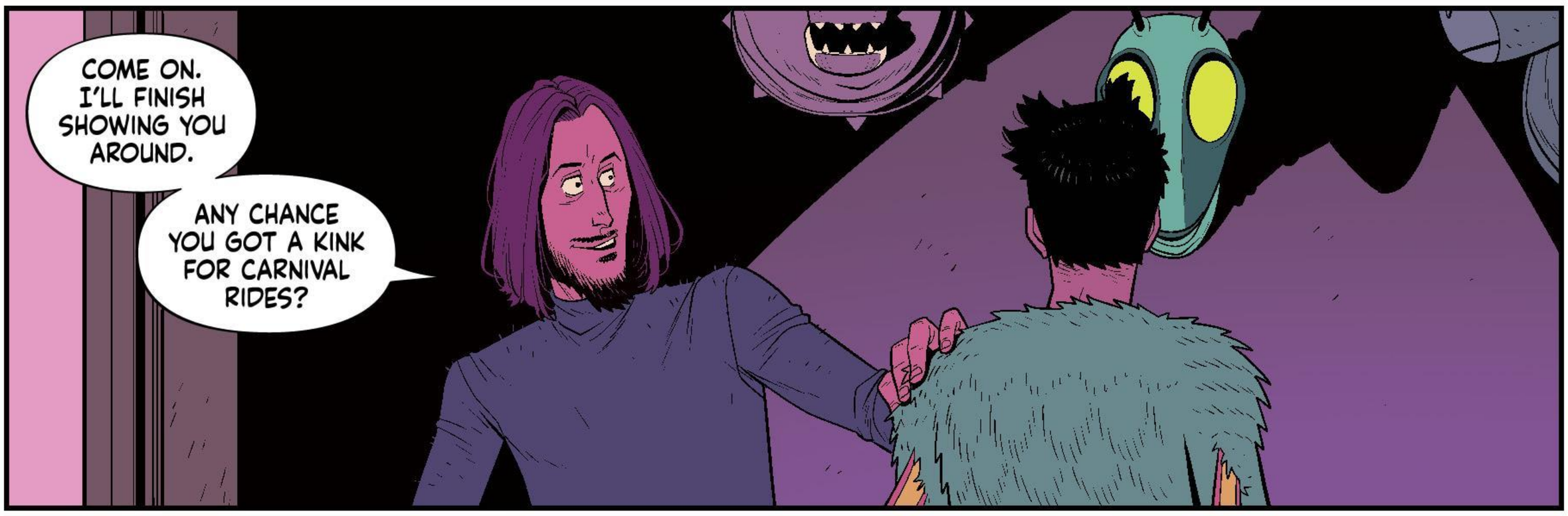
SO, WAIT...
...ARE YOU SAYING YOU WERE ALL KIDNAPPED AS CHILDREN?


KIDNAPPED. RESCUED.
SEMANTICS REALLY.
SO, YOU LIKE THAT ONE, HUH? INTERESTING CHOICE.

YEAH, WELL, YOU WANNA EXPLAIN WHY YOU PICKED THE DEVIL?

WHAT?!
NO WAY. SCRATCH IS JUST A GOAT.

NAMED SCRATCH?
REALLY?

HUH?
I CALL HIM SCRATCH BECAUSE THE SUIT MAKES ME ALL ITCHY.

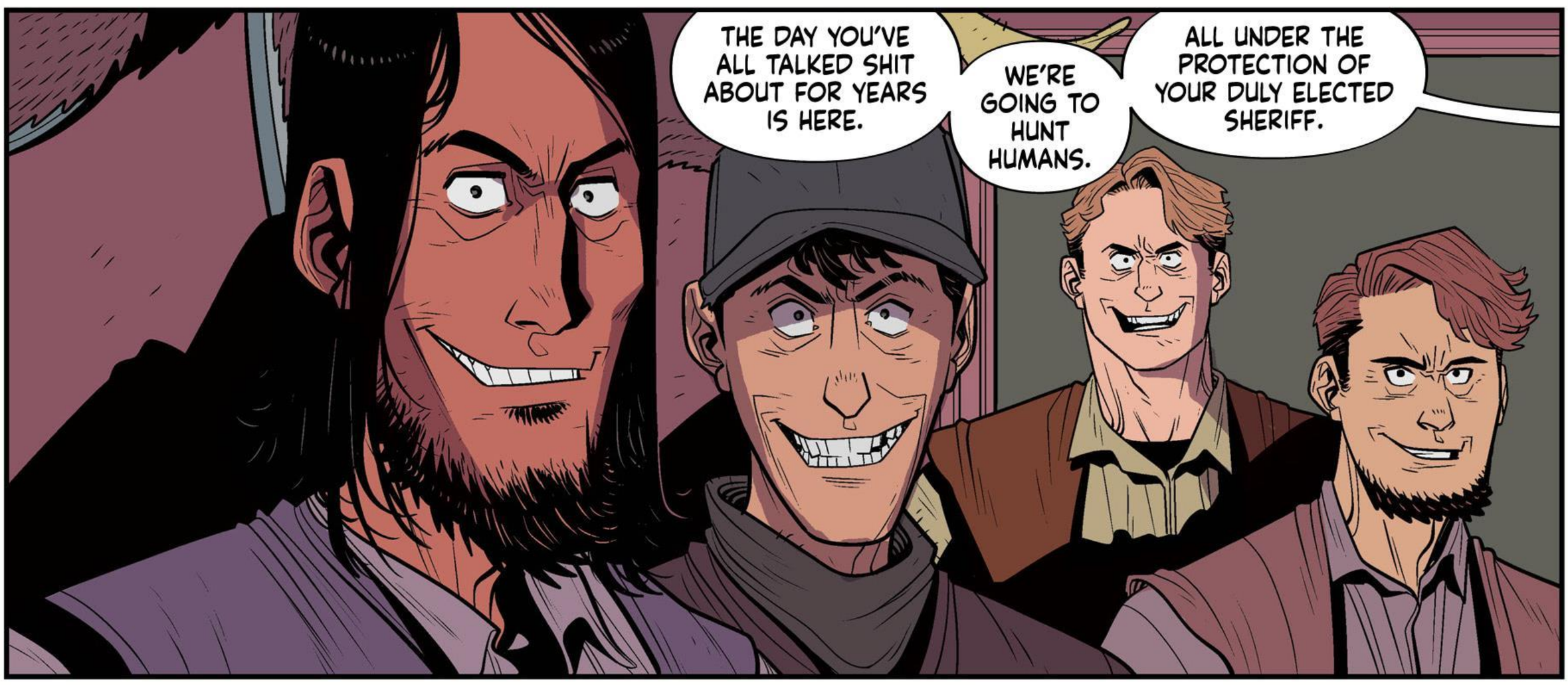
DUDE?!

NOPE.
DON'T SEE IT.

COME ON. I'LL FINISH SHOWING YOU AROUND.
ANY CHANCE YOU GOT A KINK FOR CARNIVAL RIDES?

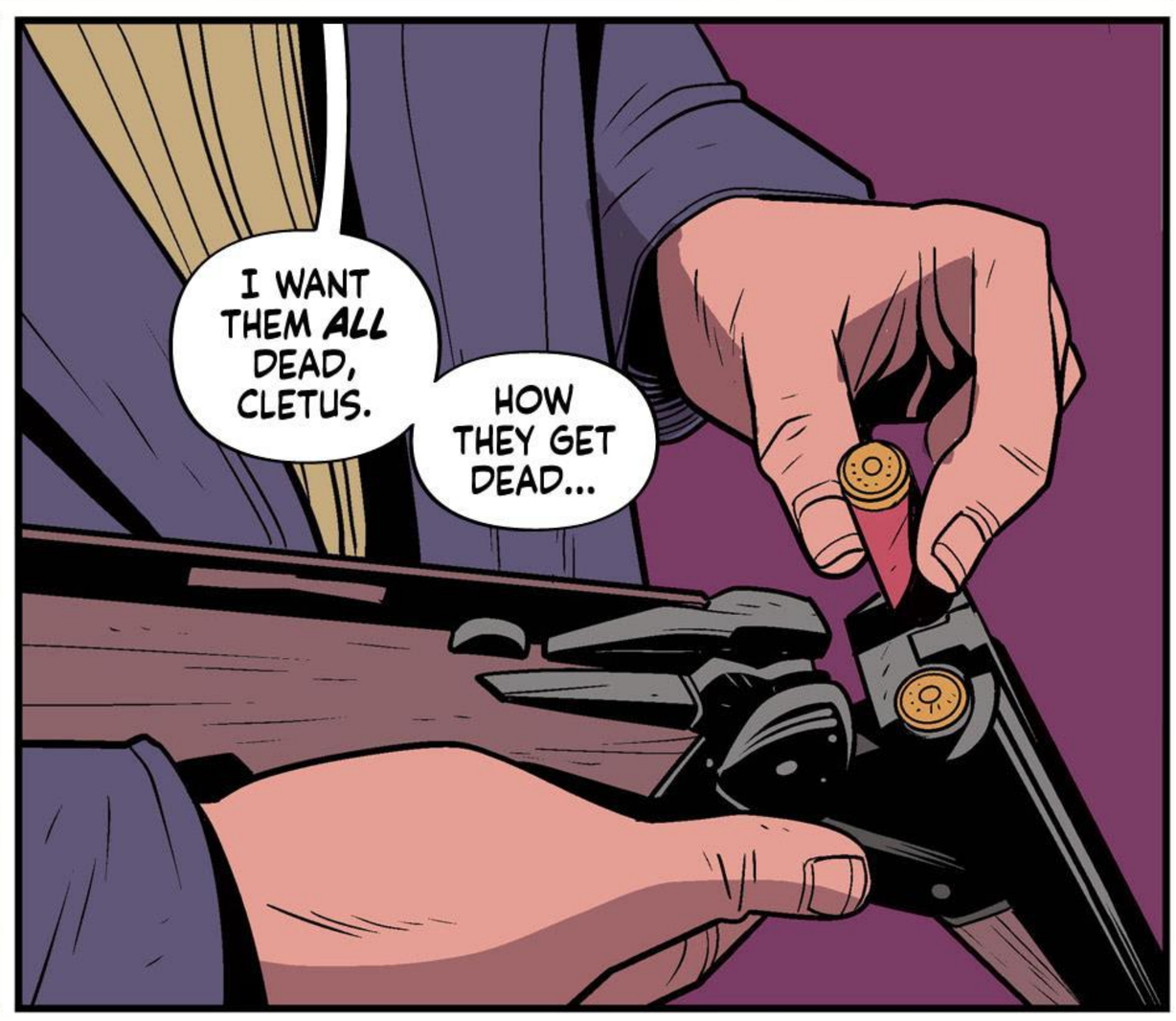
OH!
OR MAYBE MEDIEVAL WEAPONRY?

THEY WANNA DRESS LIKE ANIMALS...
...WE'RE GONNA TREAT THEM LIKE ANIMALS.
WE GET TO BE DEPUTIZED FOR THIS?
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING.
THIS ONE'S COMPLETELY OFF THE BOOKS, BOYS.
WAIT.
WE'RE *NOT* ARRESTING THESE FREAKS?

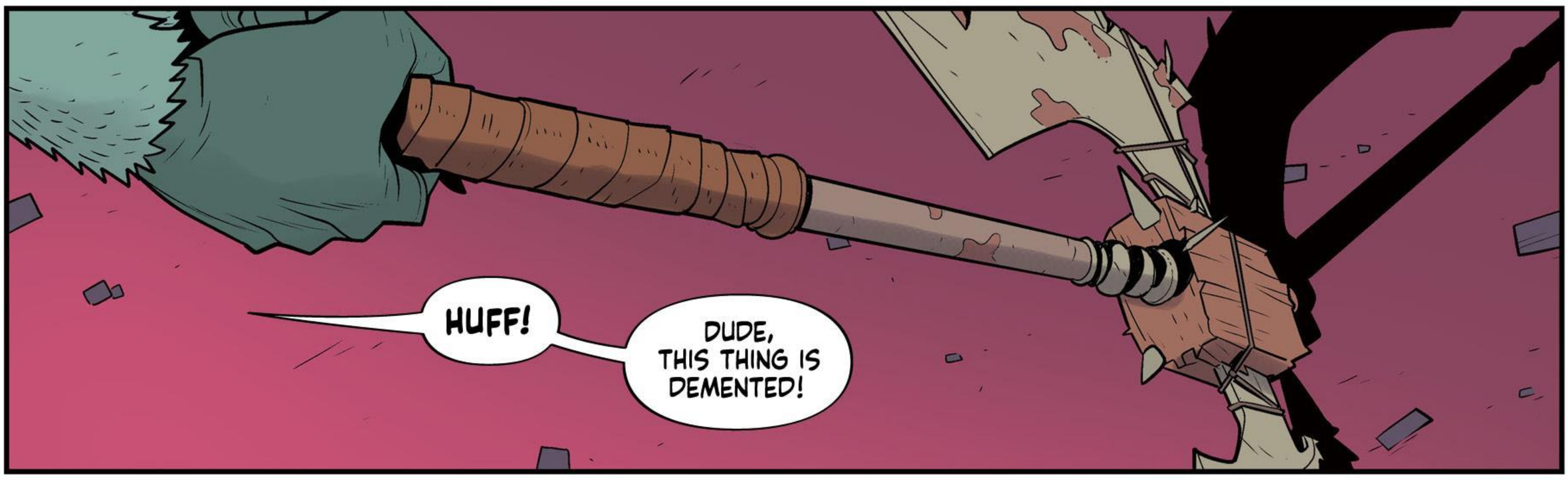
ENOUGH!
LET ME MAKE THIS PERFECTLY CLEAR FOR YOU DUMBSHITS.

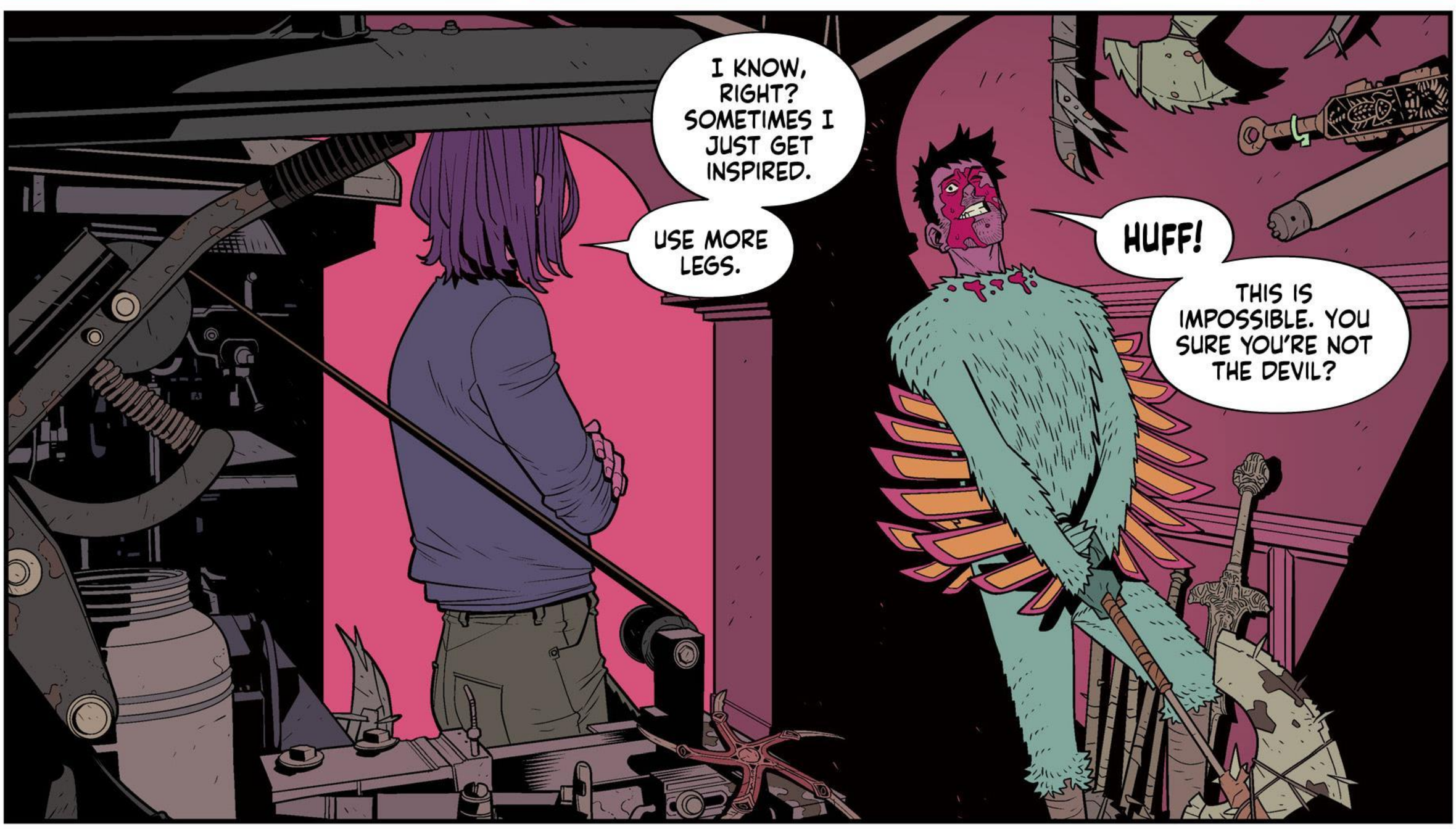

THE DAY YOU'VE ALL TALKED SHIT ABOUT FOR YEARS IS HERE.
WE'RE GOING TO HUNT HUMANS.
ALL UNDER THE PROTECTION OF YOUR DULY ELECTED SHERIFF.

I HEARD THERE WERE GIRLS?
PRETTY ONES.


I WANT THEM *ALL* DEAD, CLETUS.
HOW THEY GET DEAD...

...I LEAVE UP TO YOU.

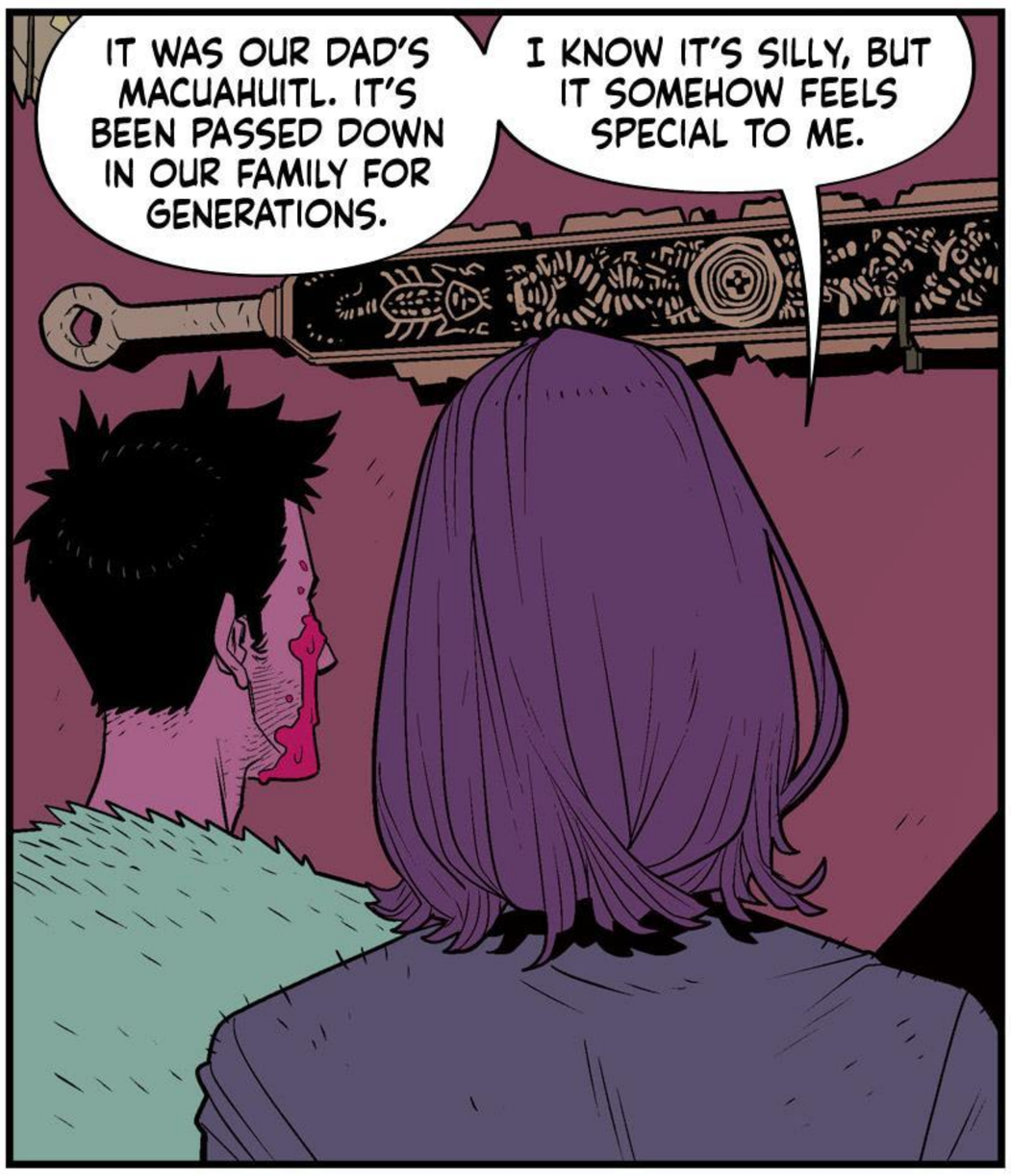

HUFF!
DUDE, THIS THING IS DEMENTED!

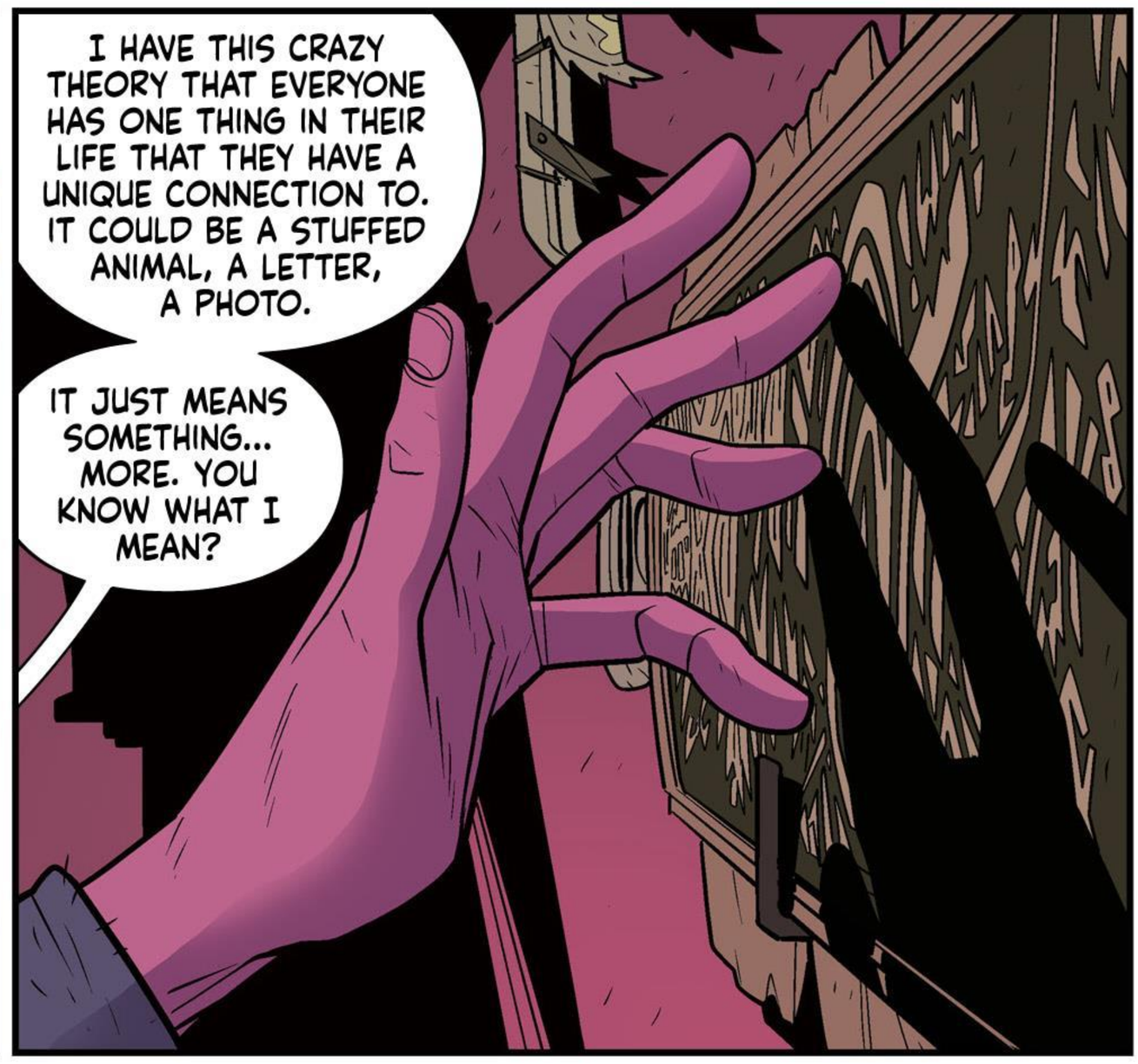

I KNOW, RIGHT? SOMETIMES I JUST GET INSPIRED.
USE MORE LEGS.
HUFF!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE. YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT THE DEVIL?

BWAAHA HAHA! HAHA HAHA!

SO, YOU MAKE ALL THIS STUFF YOURSELF?
YEAH.
IT HELPS ME RELAX.

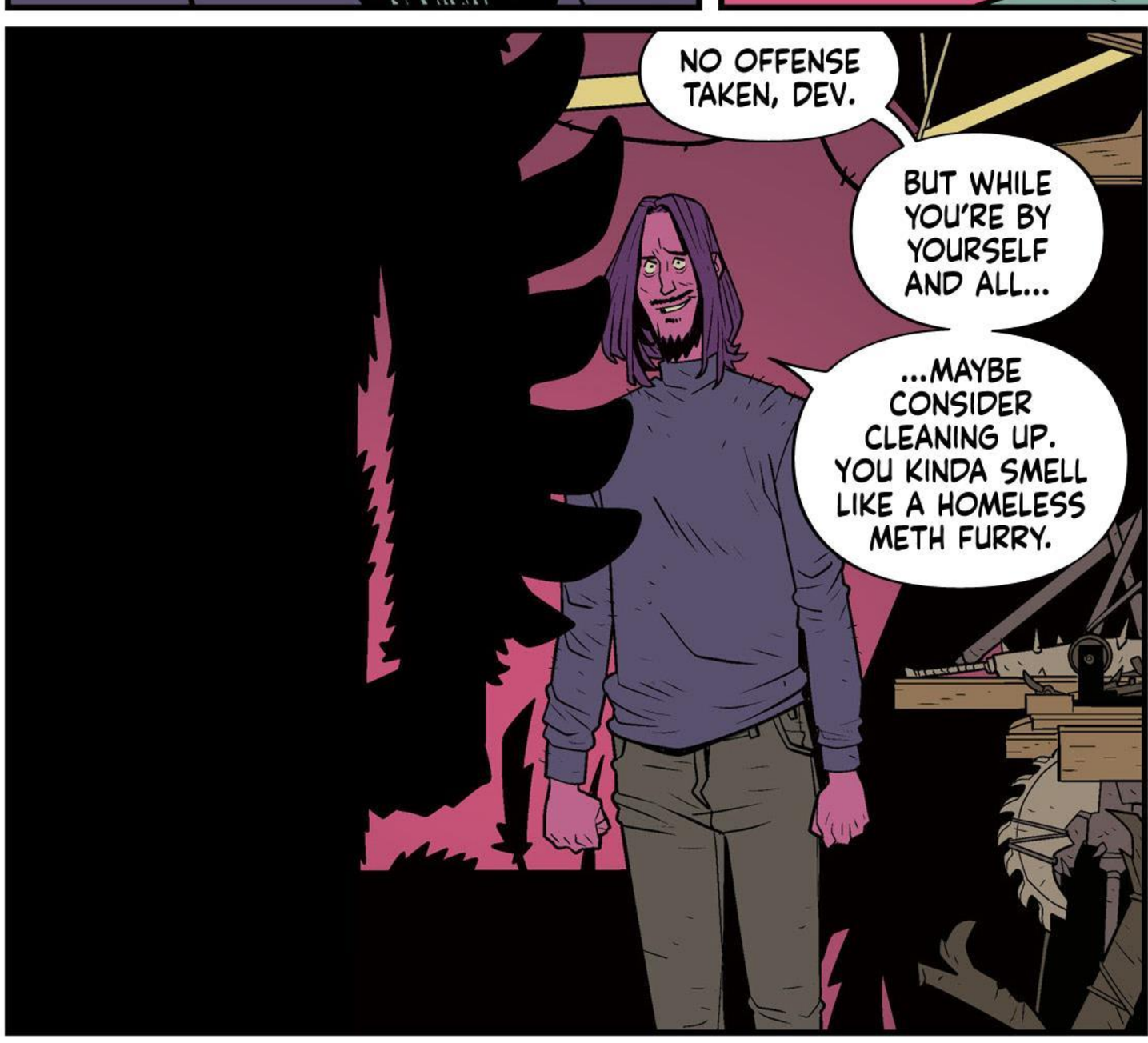
OH!
WHAT IS *THAT* SUPPOSED TO BE?


IT WAS OUR DAD'S MACUAHUITL. IT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN IN OUR FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.
I KNOW IT'S SILLY, BUT IT SOMEHOW FEELS SPECIAL TO ME.


I HAVE THIS CRAZY THEORY THAT EVERYONE HAS ONE THING IN THEIR LIFE THAT THEY HAVE A UNIQUE CONNECTION TO. IT COULD BE A STUFFED ANIMAL, A LETTER, A PHOTO.
IT JUST MEANS SOMETHING... MORE. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

YEAH.
I DO.

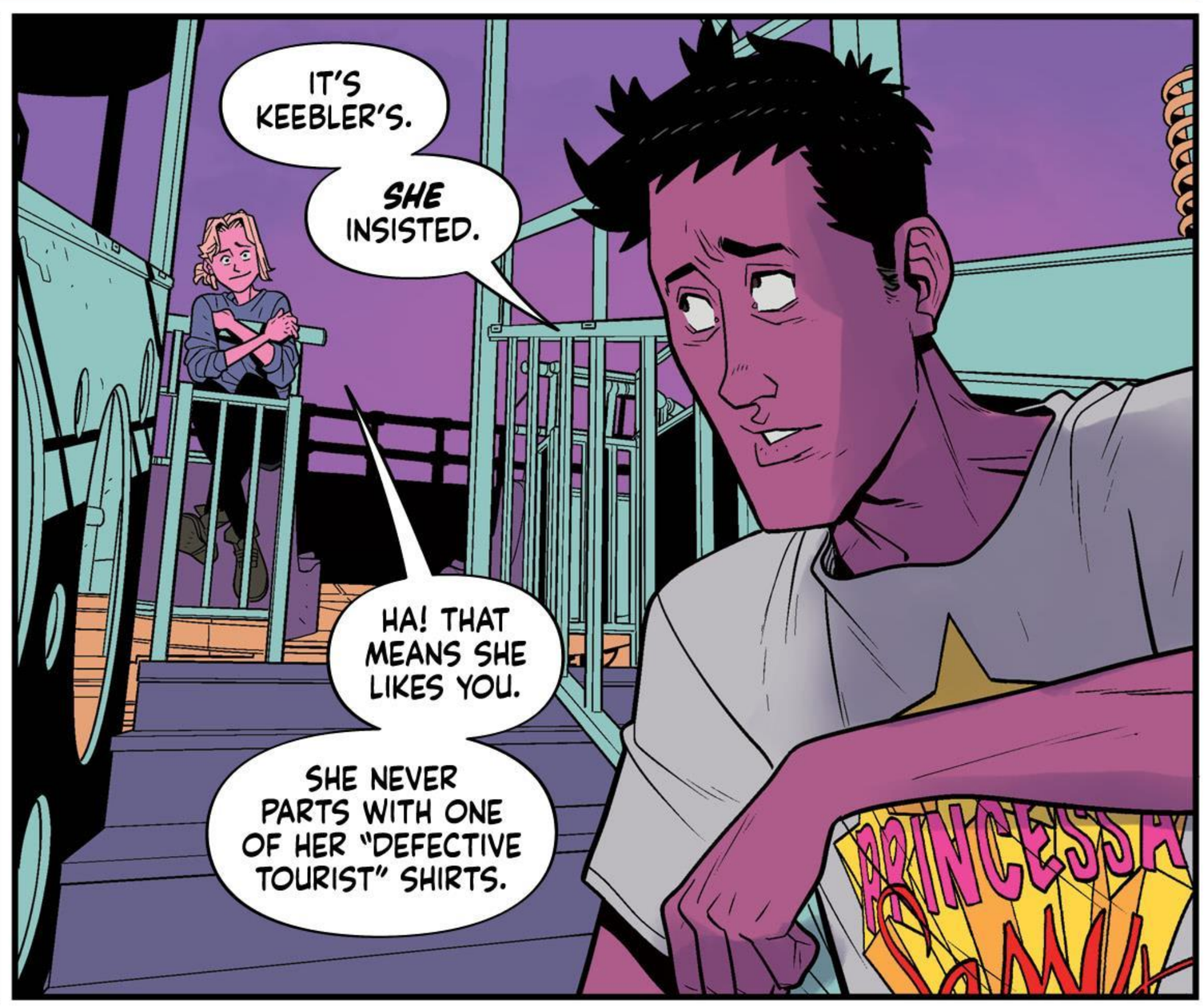
I'M SORRY, BO. TODAY'S BEEN...
...WELL, A DAY.
I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT I NEED SOME TIME TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT ALL.


NO OFFENSE TAKEN, DEV.
BUT WHILE YOU'RE BY YOURSELF AND ALL...
...MAYBE CONSIDER CLEANING UP. YOU KINDA SMELL LIKE A HOMELESS METH FURRY.

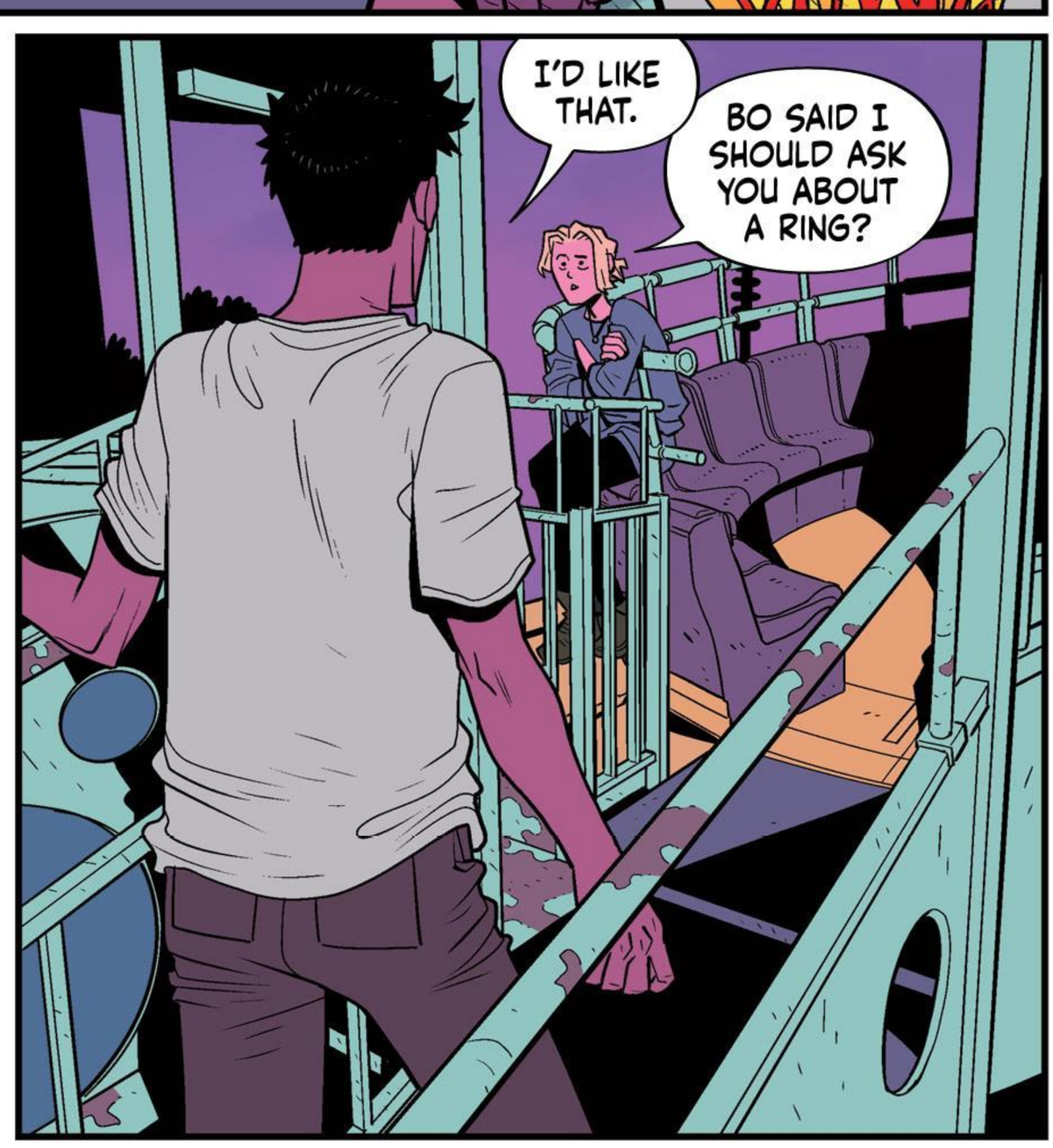
ONE THAT EATS MEAT!!

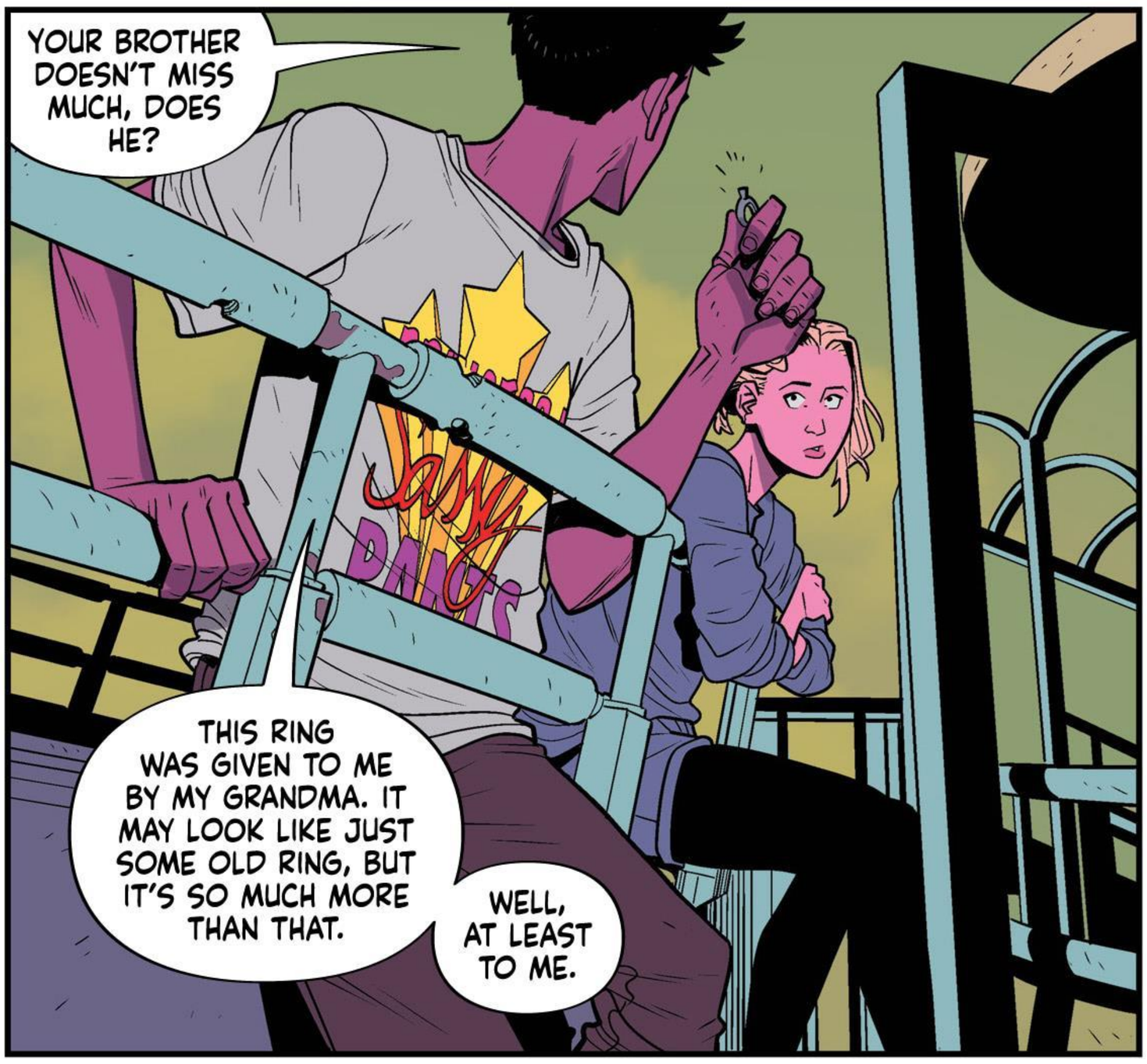
METH FURRY?
SNIF SNIF

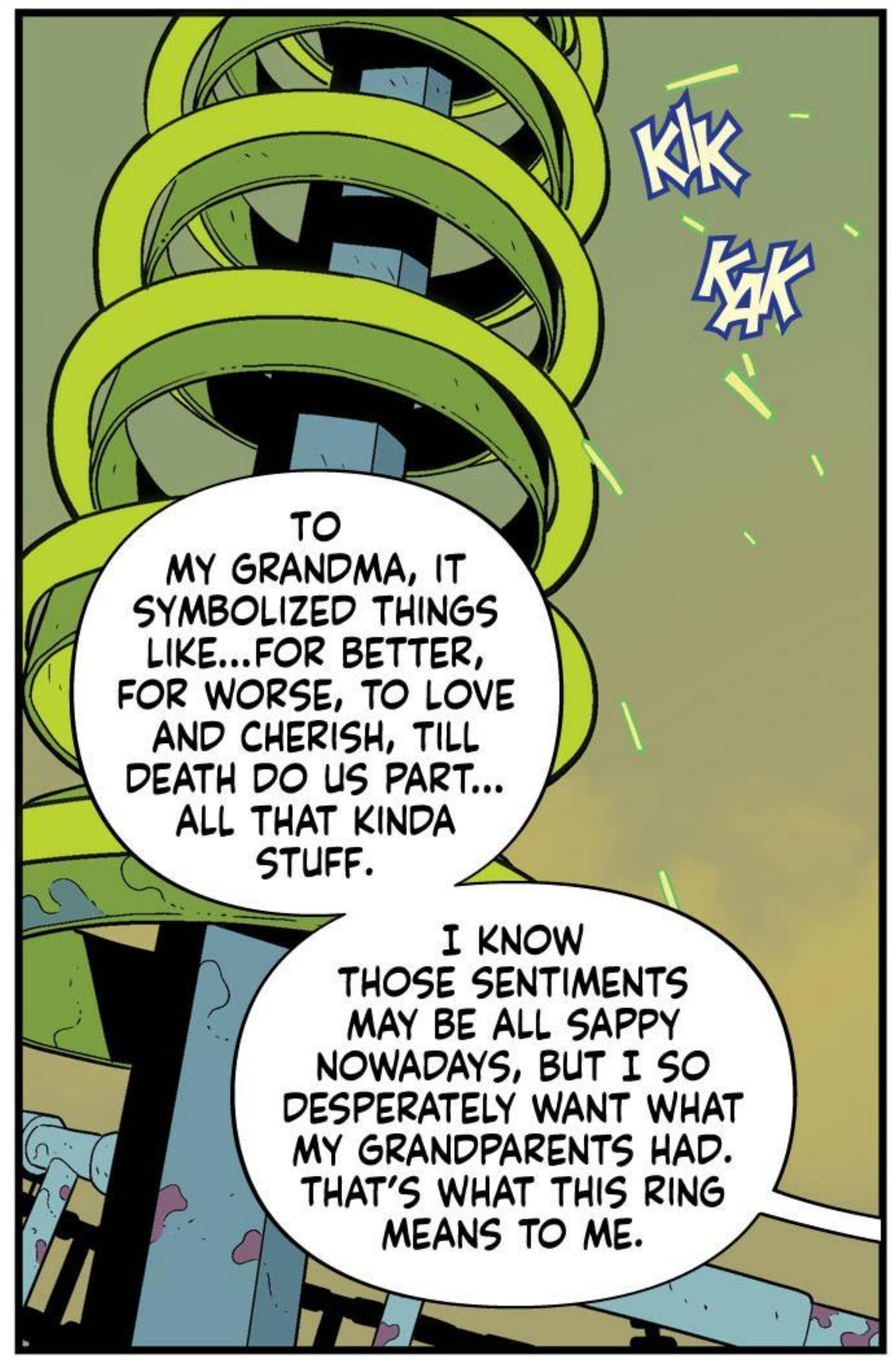
PRINCESA ONLY HAS ONE "S" IN IT.

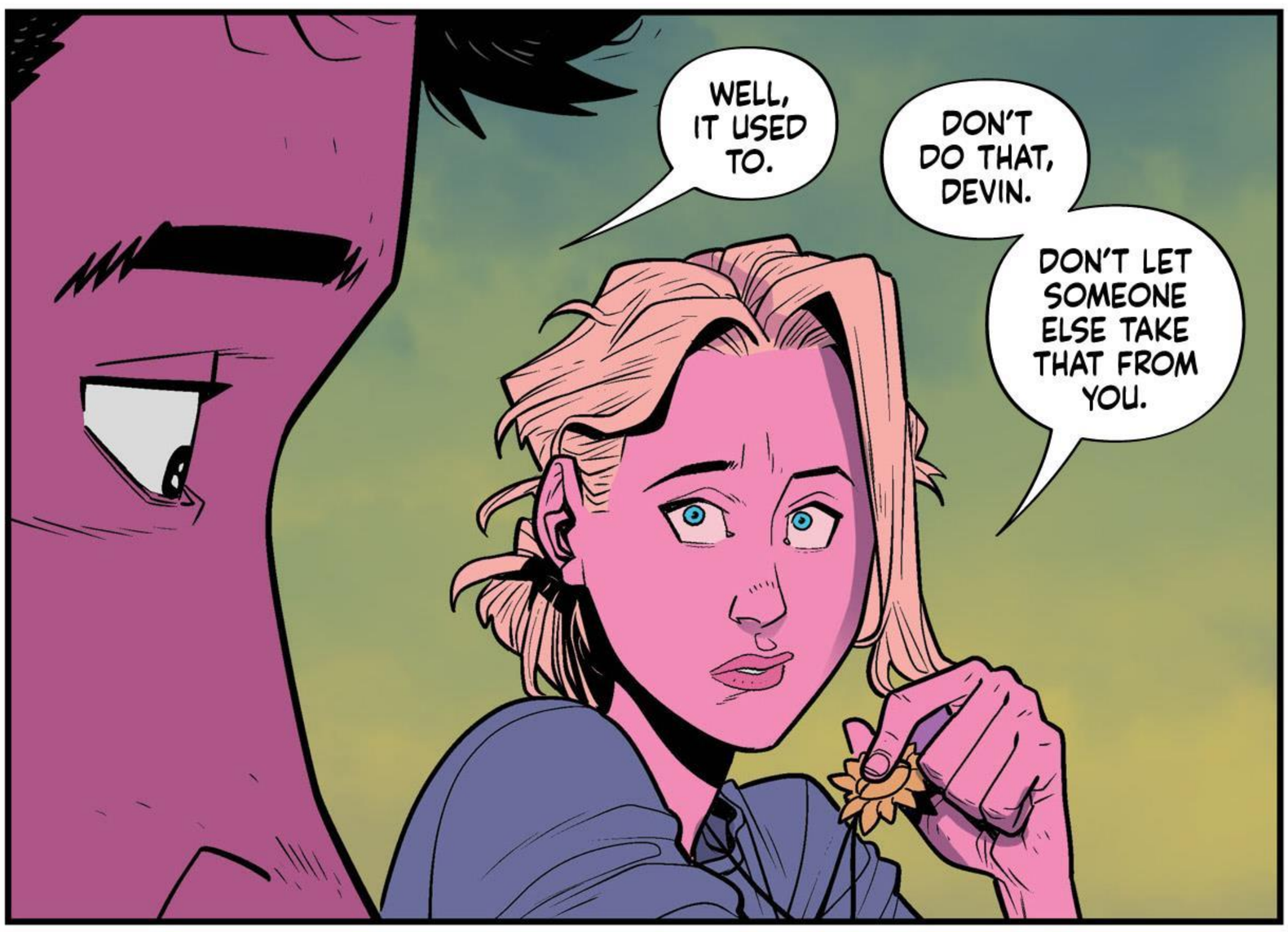

IT'S KEEBLER'S.
SHE INSISTED.
HA! THAT MEANS SHE LIKES YOU.
SHE NEVER PARTS WITH ONE OF HER "DEFECTIVE TOURIST" SHIRTS.
PRINCESSA

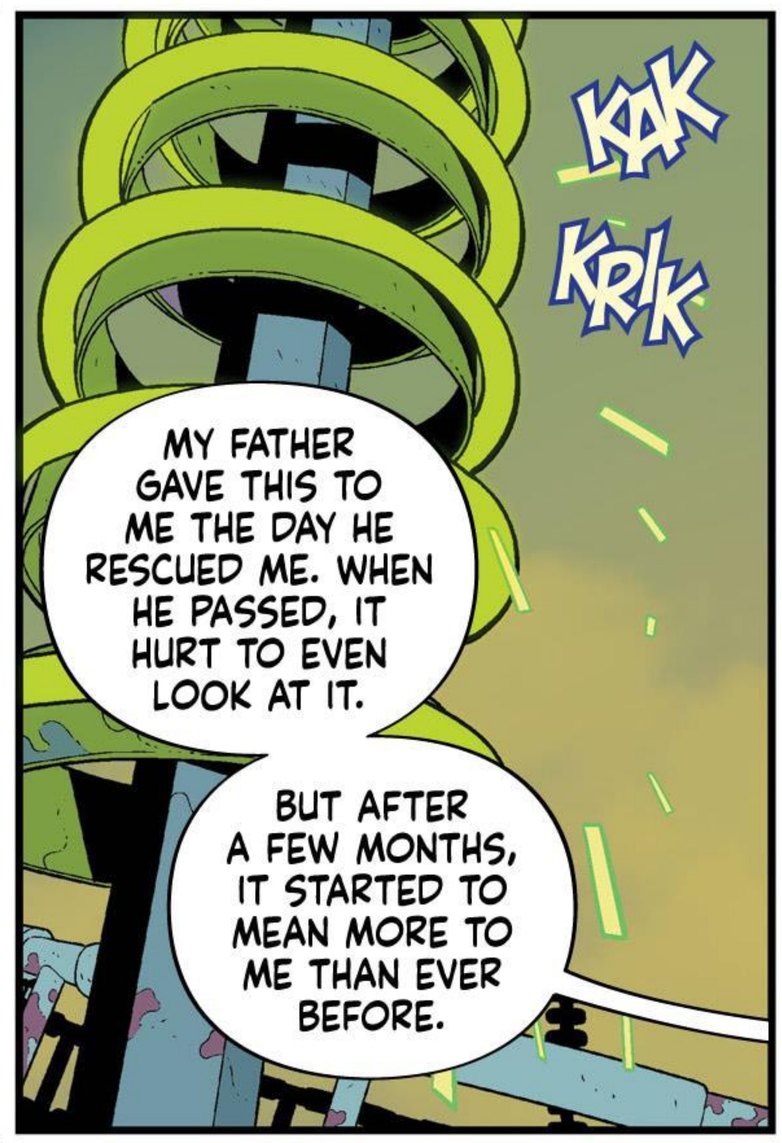
LISTEN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW I DIDN'T MEAN--
CAN WE JUST AGREE TO FORGET ABOUT ALL THAT AND MOVE ON?
PLEASE.

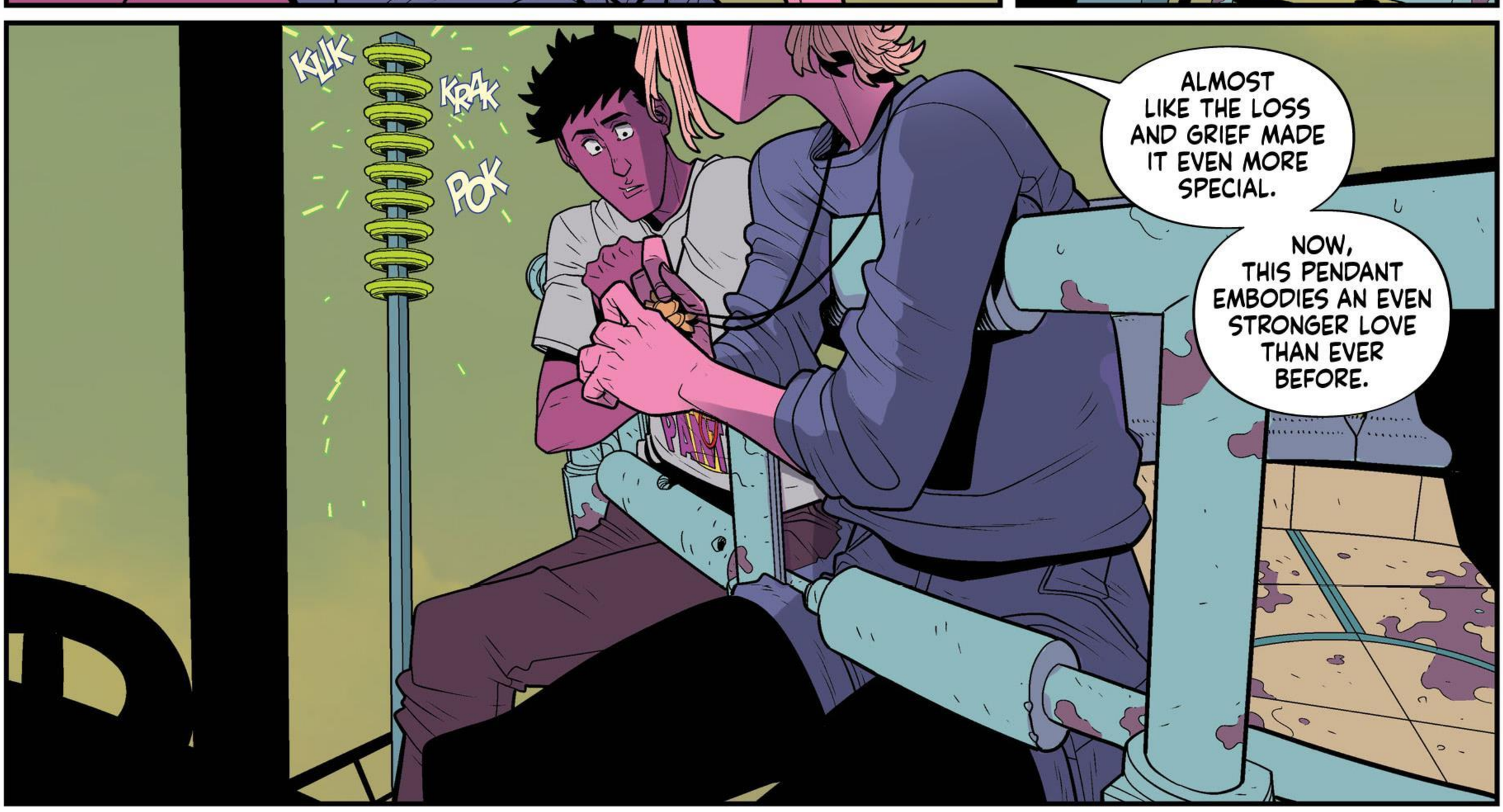

I'D LIKE THAT.
BO SAID I SHOULD ASK YOU ABOUT A RING?


YOUR BROTHER DOESN'T MISS MUCH, DOES HE?
THIS RING WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY GRANDMA. IT MAY LOOK LIKE JUST SOME OLD RING, BUT IT'S SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT.
WELL, AT LEAST TO ME.


KLIK
KAK
TO MY GRANDMA, IT SYMBOLIZED THINGS LIKE...FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, TO LOVE AND CHERISH, TILL DEATH DO US PART... ALL THAT KINDA STUFF.
I KNOW THOSE SENTIMENTS MAY BE ALL SAPPY NOWADAYS, BUT I SO DESPERATELY WANT WHAT MY GRANDPARENTS HAD. THAT'S WHAT THIS RING MEANS TO ME.


WELL, IT USED TO.
DON'T DO THAT, DEVIN.
DON'T LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE THAT FROM YOU.


KAK
KRIK
MY FATHER GAVE THIS TO ME THE DAY HE RESCUED ME. WHEN HE PASSED, IT HURT TO EVEN LOOK AT IT.
BUT AFTER A FEW MONTHS, IT STARTED TO MEAN MORE TO ME THAN EVER BEFORE.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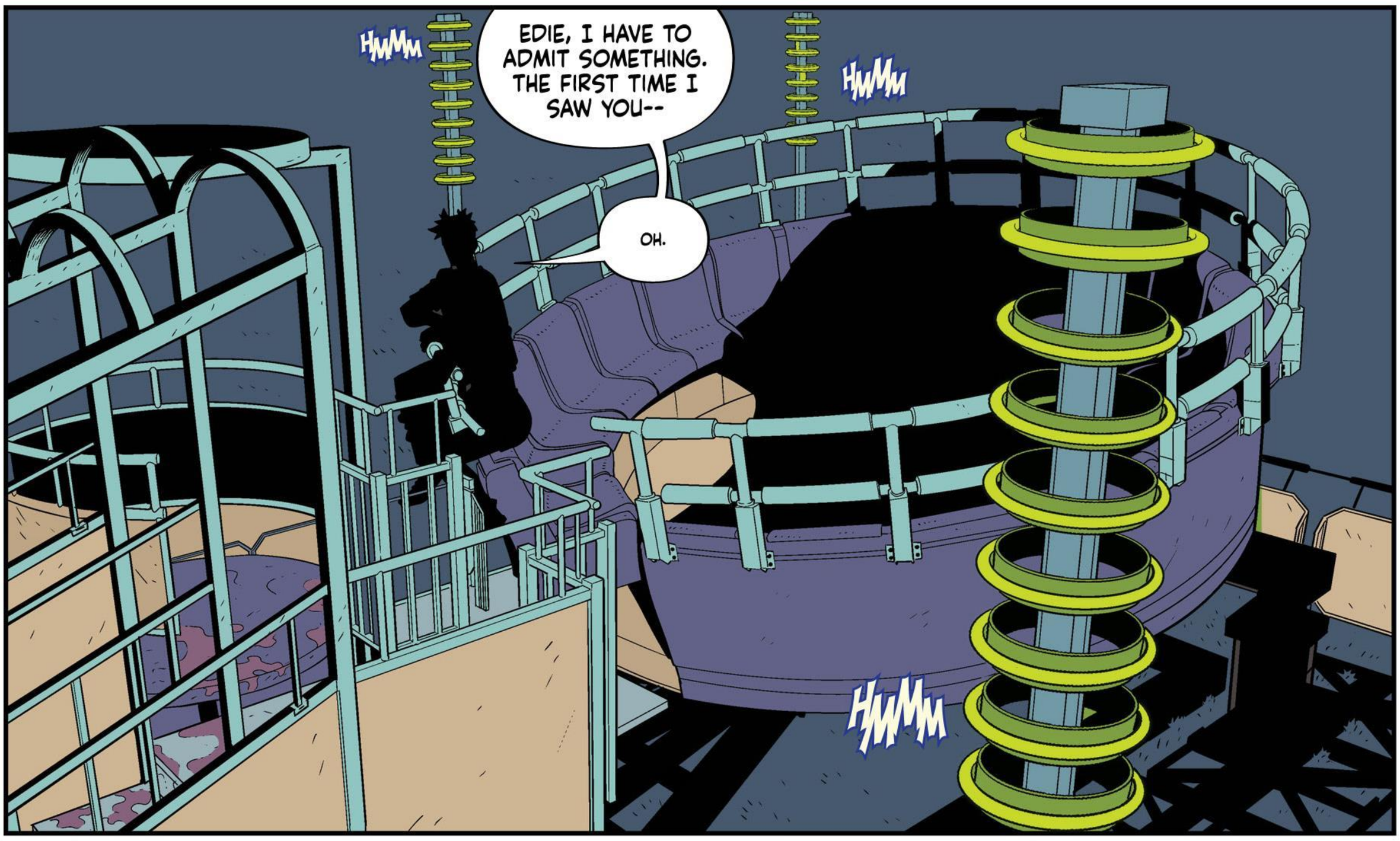
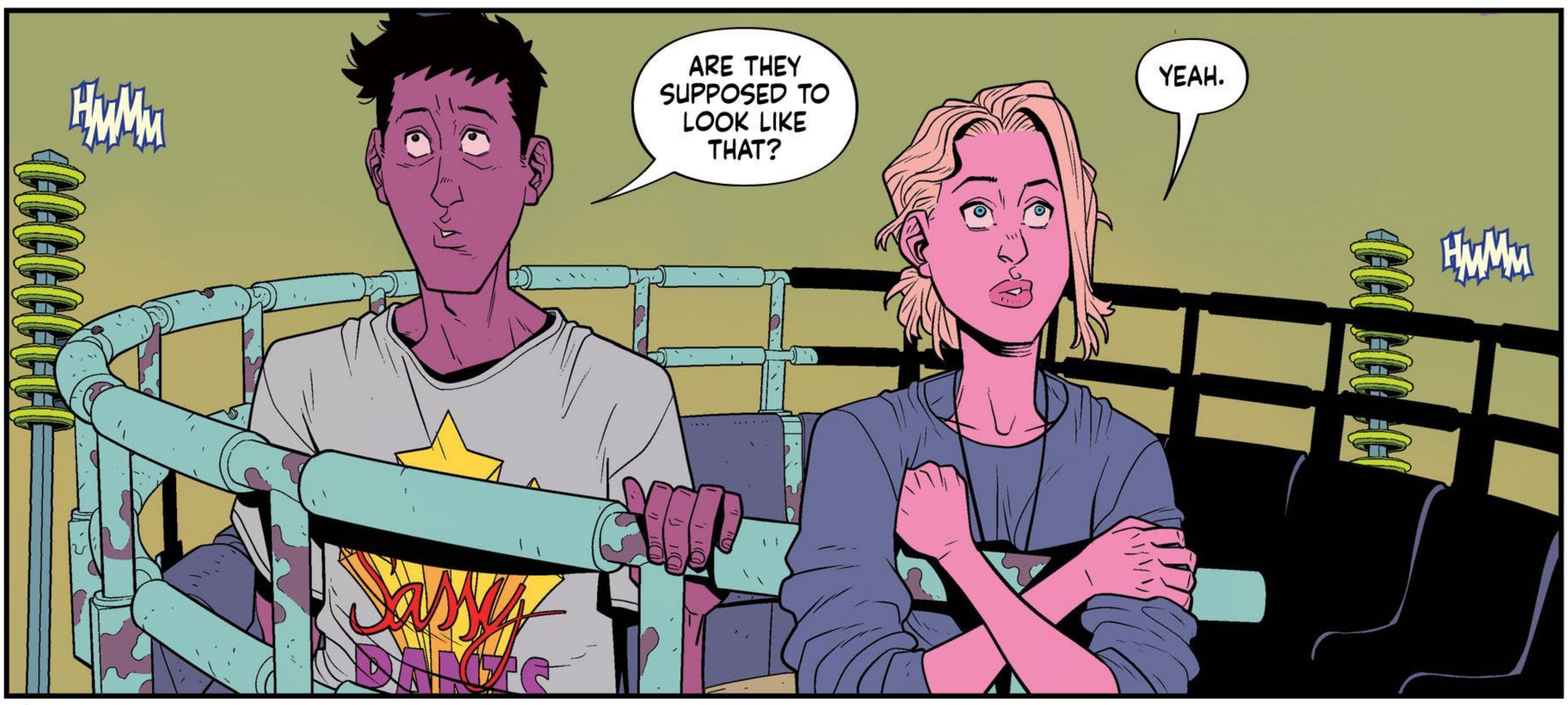
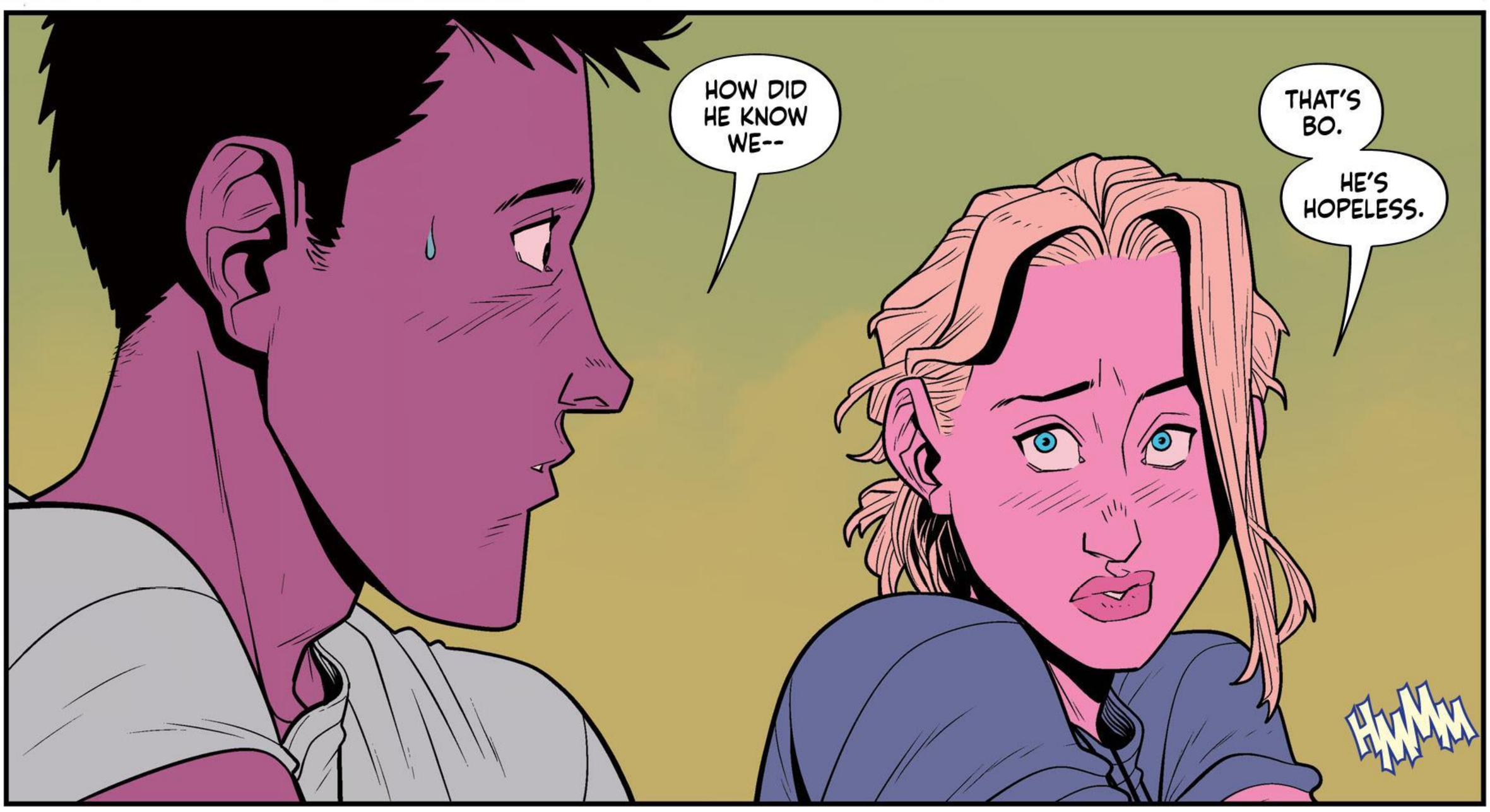
KRAK
POK
ALMOST LIKE THE LOSS AND GRIEF MADE IT EVEN MORE SPECIAL.
NOW, THIS PENDANT EMBODIES AN EVEN STRONGER LOVE THAN EVER BEFORE.

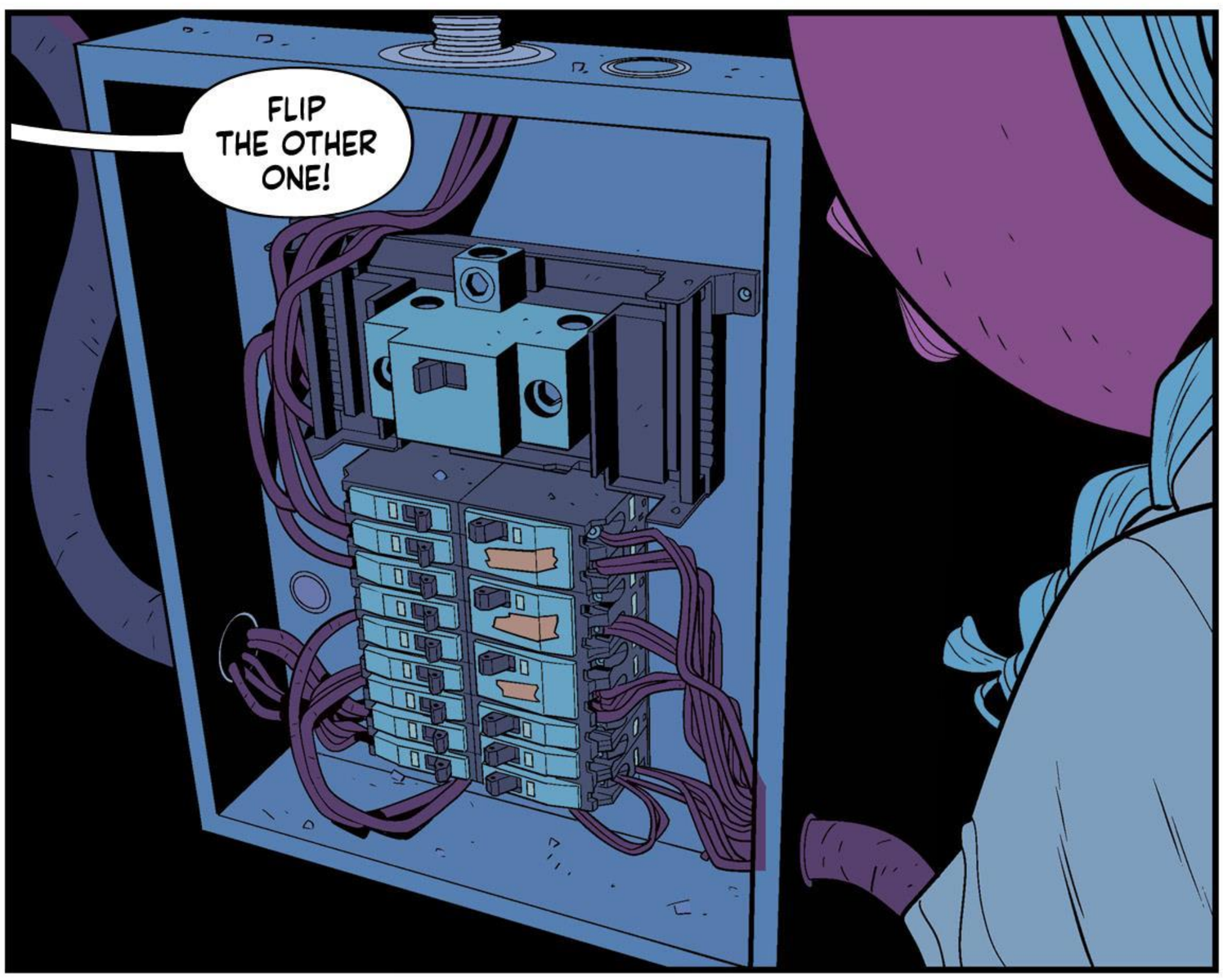

HMMM
EDIE, I HAVE TO ADMIT SOMETHING. THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU--
HMMM
OH.
HMMM


HMMM
ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE THAT?
YEAH.
HMMM
Sassy PANTS


HOW DID HE KNOW WE--
THAT'S BO.
HE'S HOPELESS.
HMMM

YESSS.
IT'S WORKING.

WE'VE GOT THEM RIGHT WHERE WE WANT THEM, KEEBS.

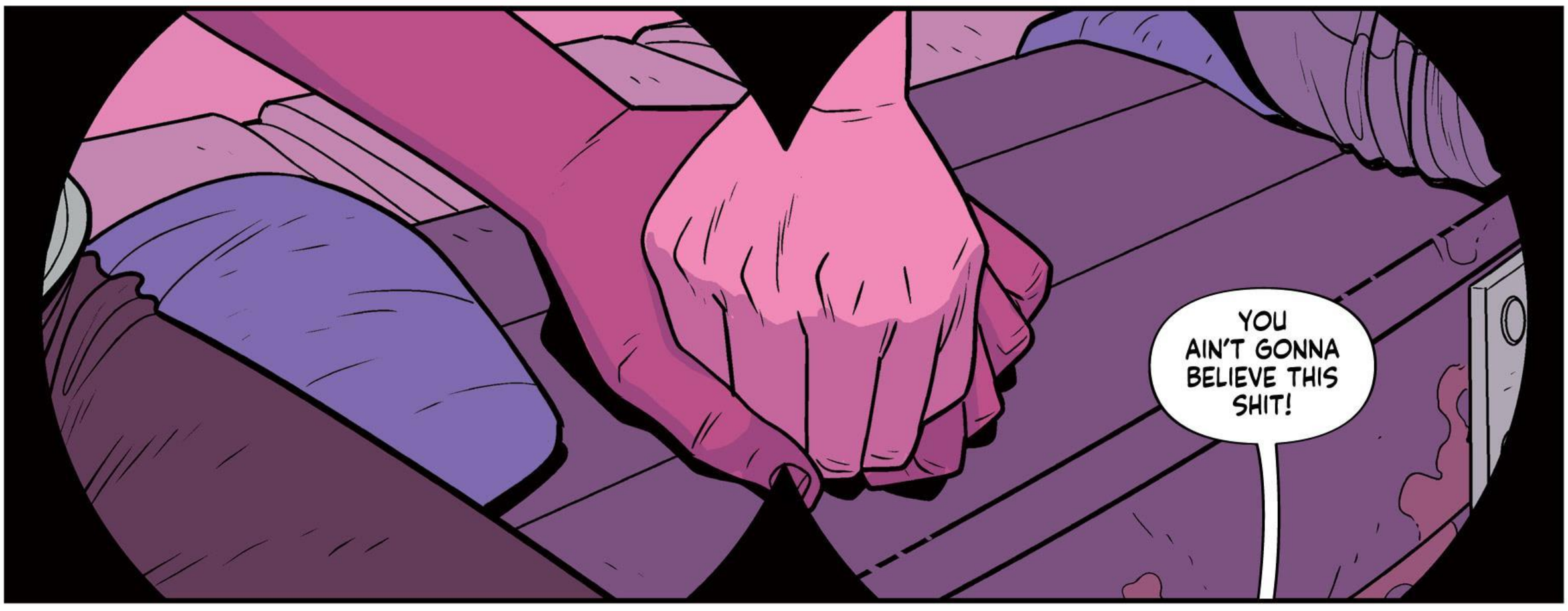

FLIP THE OTHER ONE!

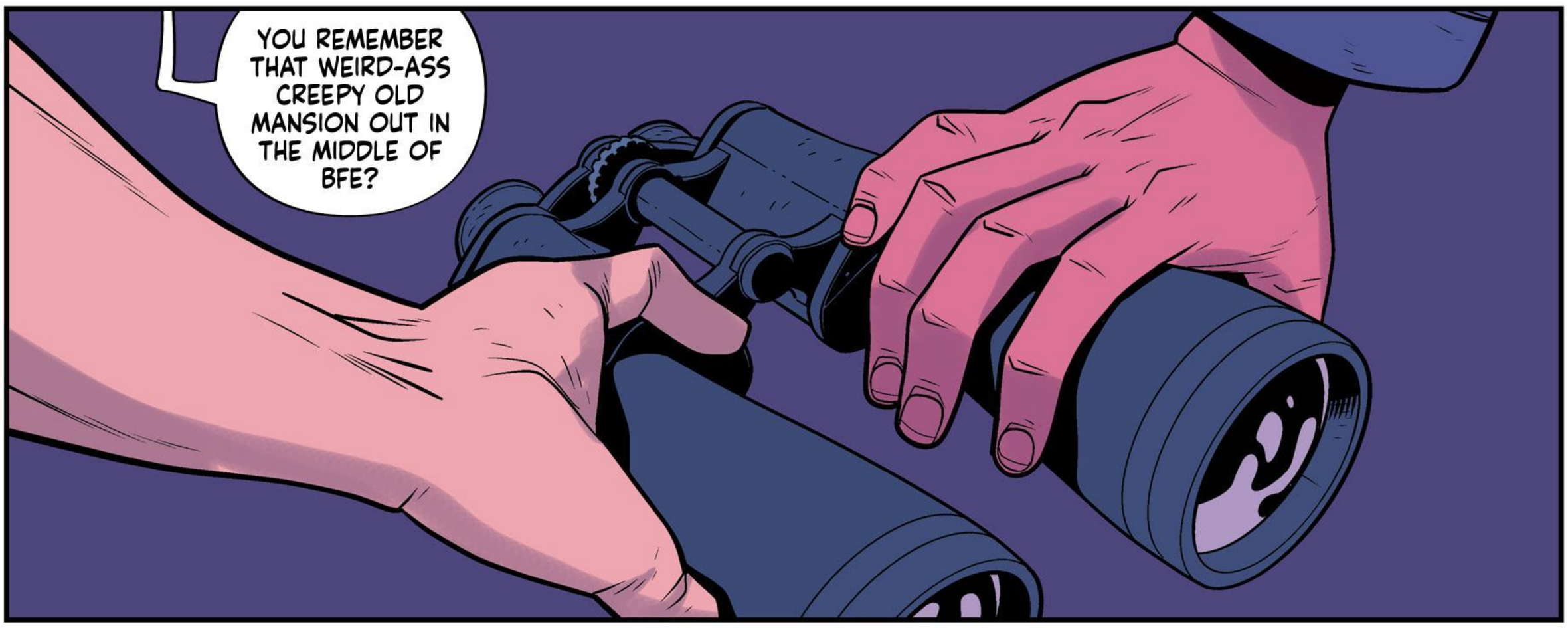
PLAK
ROMANTIC
KKZZZKK
CREEPY

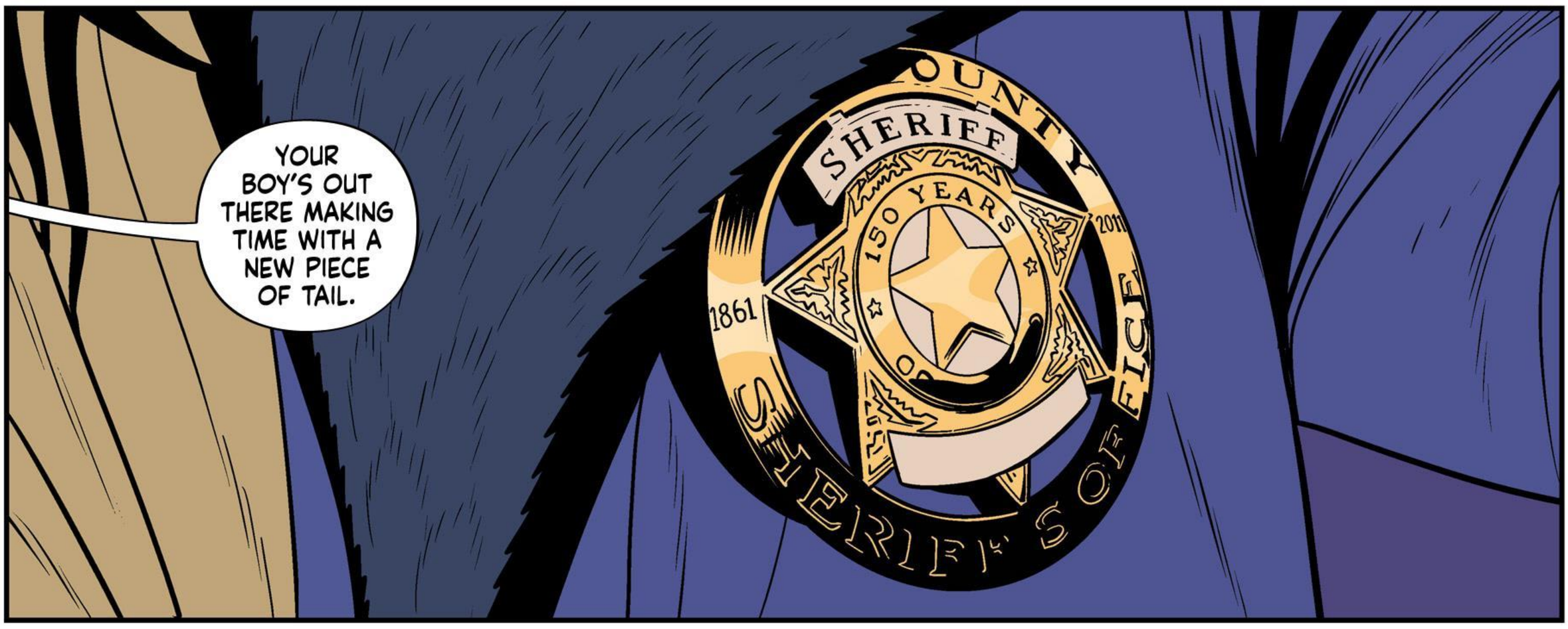
YESSSSSS!

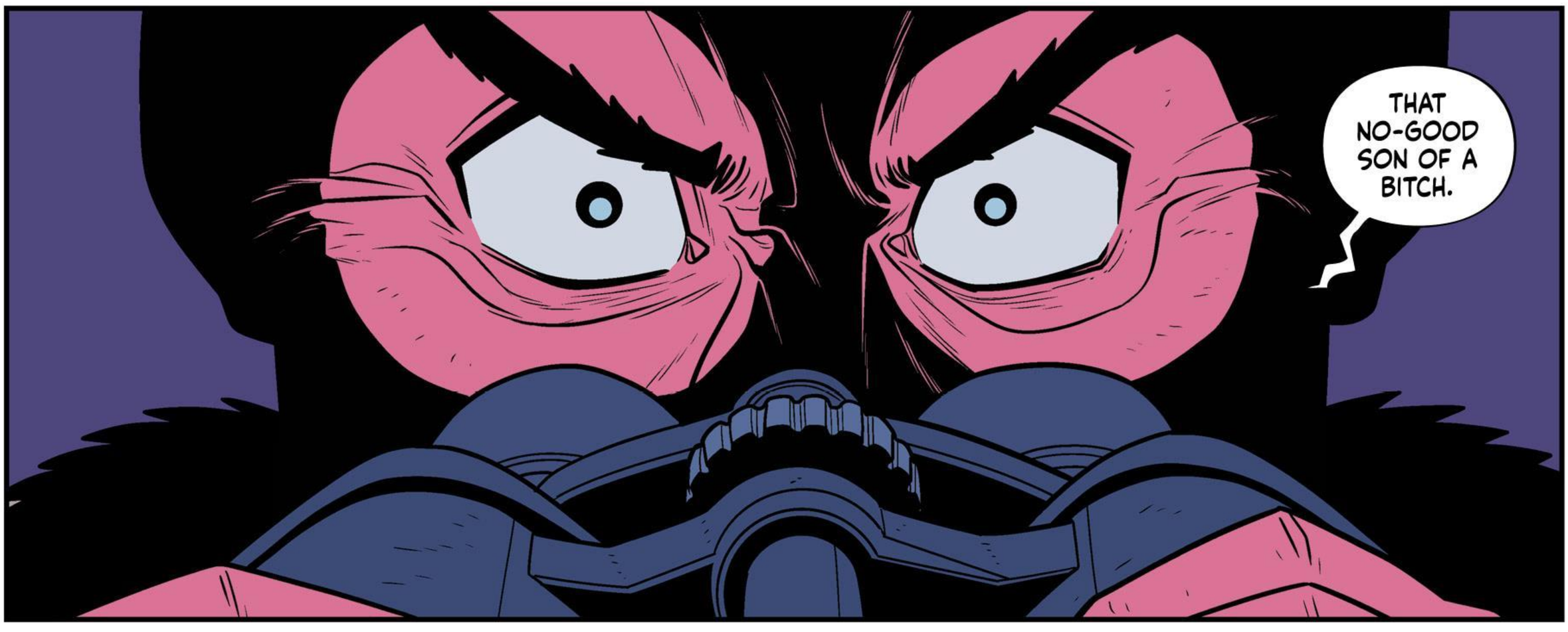
T-THIS COULD BE A BAD IDEA.
THE SHERIFF MIGHT SEE IT.

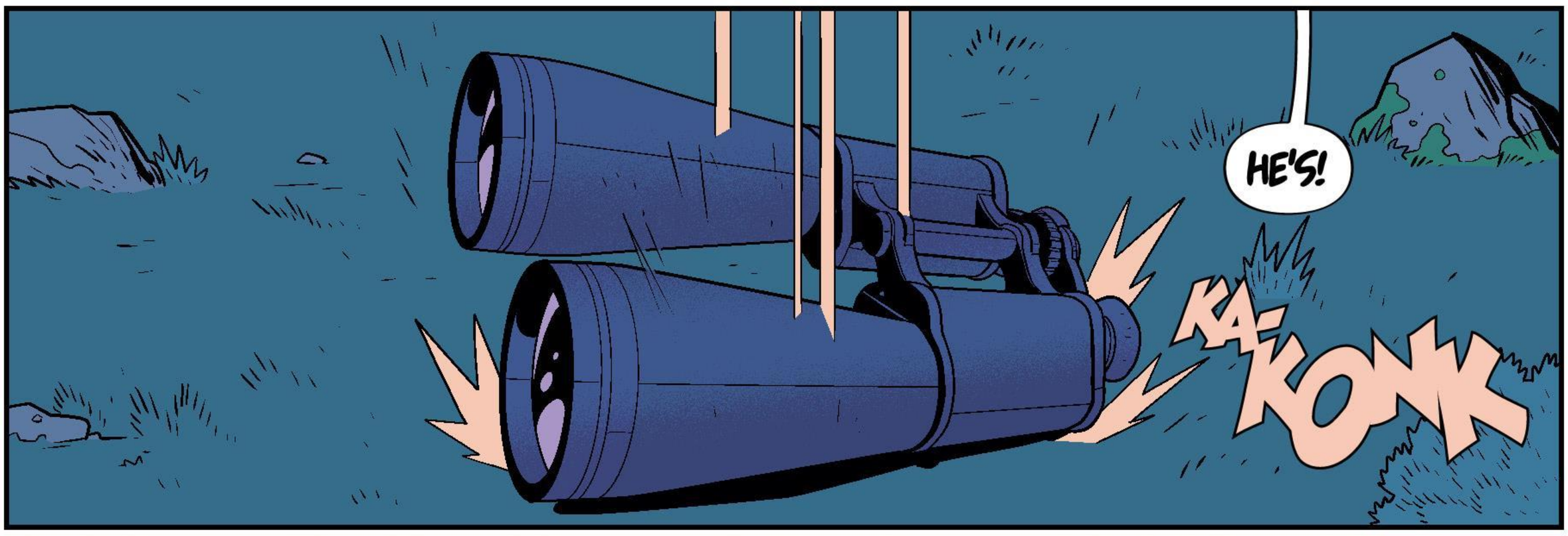
TAGAJ
Octopus
IT'S WORTH IT.


YOU AIN'T GONNA BELIEVE THIS SHIT!


YOU REMEMBER THAT WEIRD-ASS CREEPY OLD MANSION OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF BFE?


YOUR BOY'S OUT THERE MAKING TIME WITH A NEW PIECE OF TAIL.
SHERIFF
150 YEARS
1861
SHERIFF'S OFFICE


THAT NO-GOOD SON OF A BITCH.

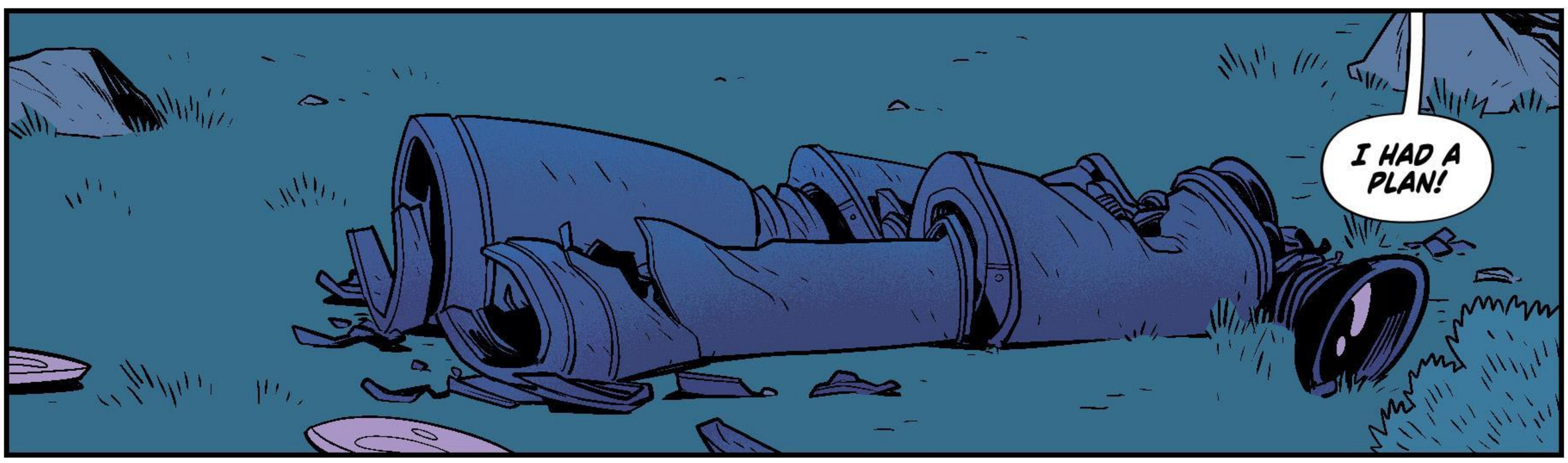

HE'S!
KA-KONK

FUCKING!
KRAKK

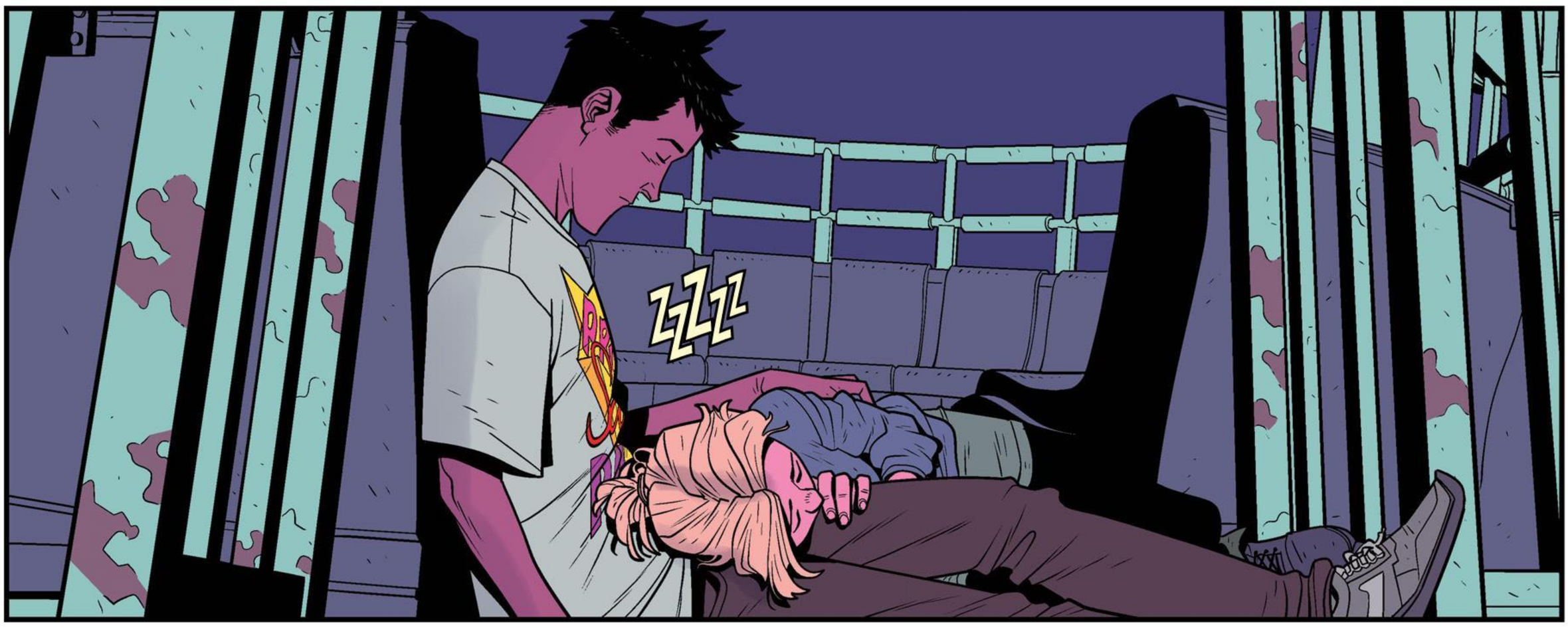
EVERYTHING!
KRUK

UP!
KROK

EVERYTHING!
KUK


I HAD A PLAN!

CALL THE BOYS.
TELL THEM TO MEET US AT PARADISE JUNCTION.
WE'LL ALL GO IN TOGETHER.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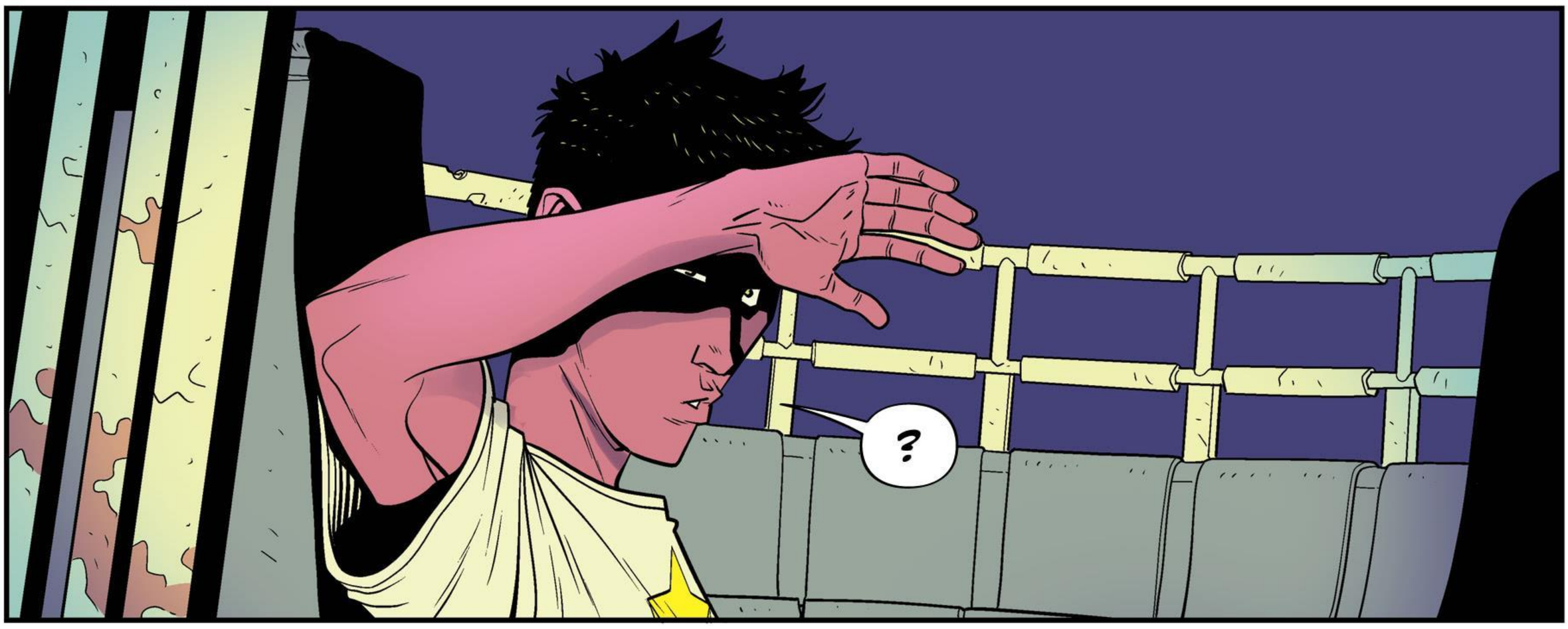
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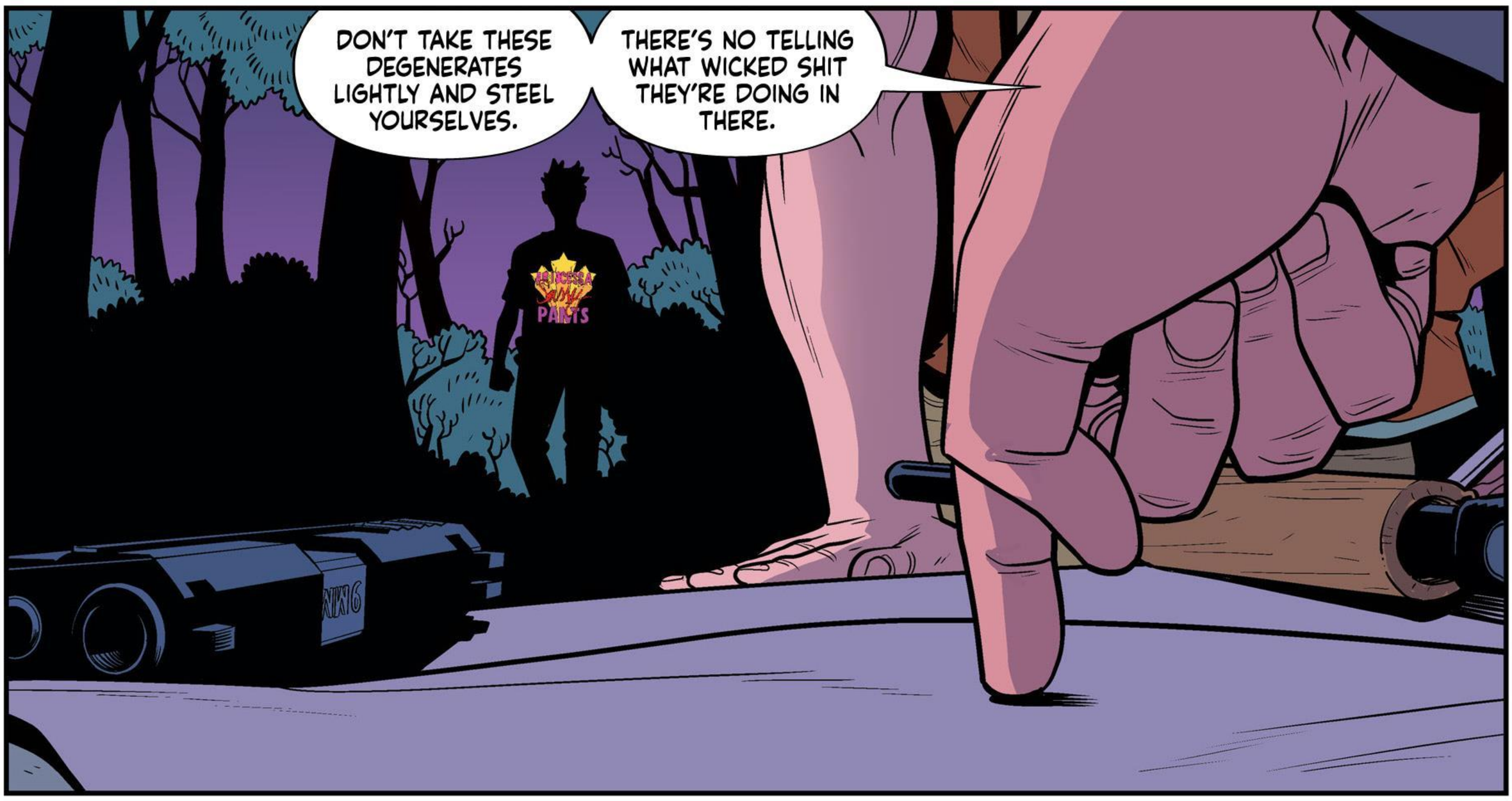
OH NO.

SIGH.
IT WAS WORTH IT.


DON'T TAKE THESE DEGENERATES LIGHTLY AND STEEL YOURSELVES.
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WICKED SHIT THEY'RE DOING IN THERE.

SHERIFF!

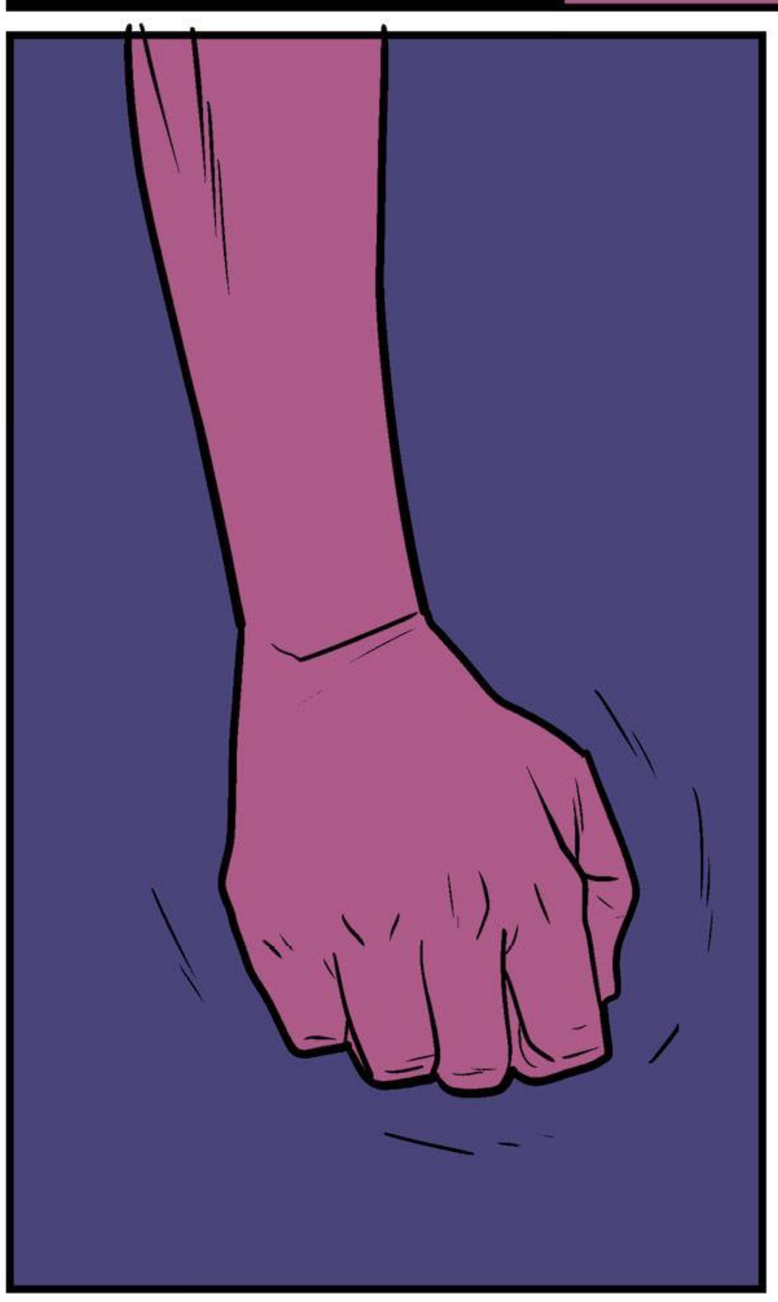
HAVING FUN WITH YOUR NEW GIRLFRIEND?

I LEAVE WITH YOU RIGHT NOW, AND YOU LEAVE THEM ALONE.
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
DEAL?

WHATEVER I ASK?
YES.

YOU'LL MARRY WHITNEY?
NO DRAMA, NO HEADLINES, NO SECRETS ABOUT WHO THE FATHER IS?
YOU'LL BE THE SHINING EXAMPLE OF A LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, AND SON-IN-LAW?

SIGH.



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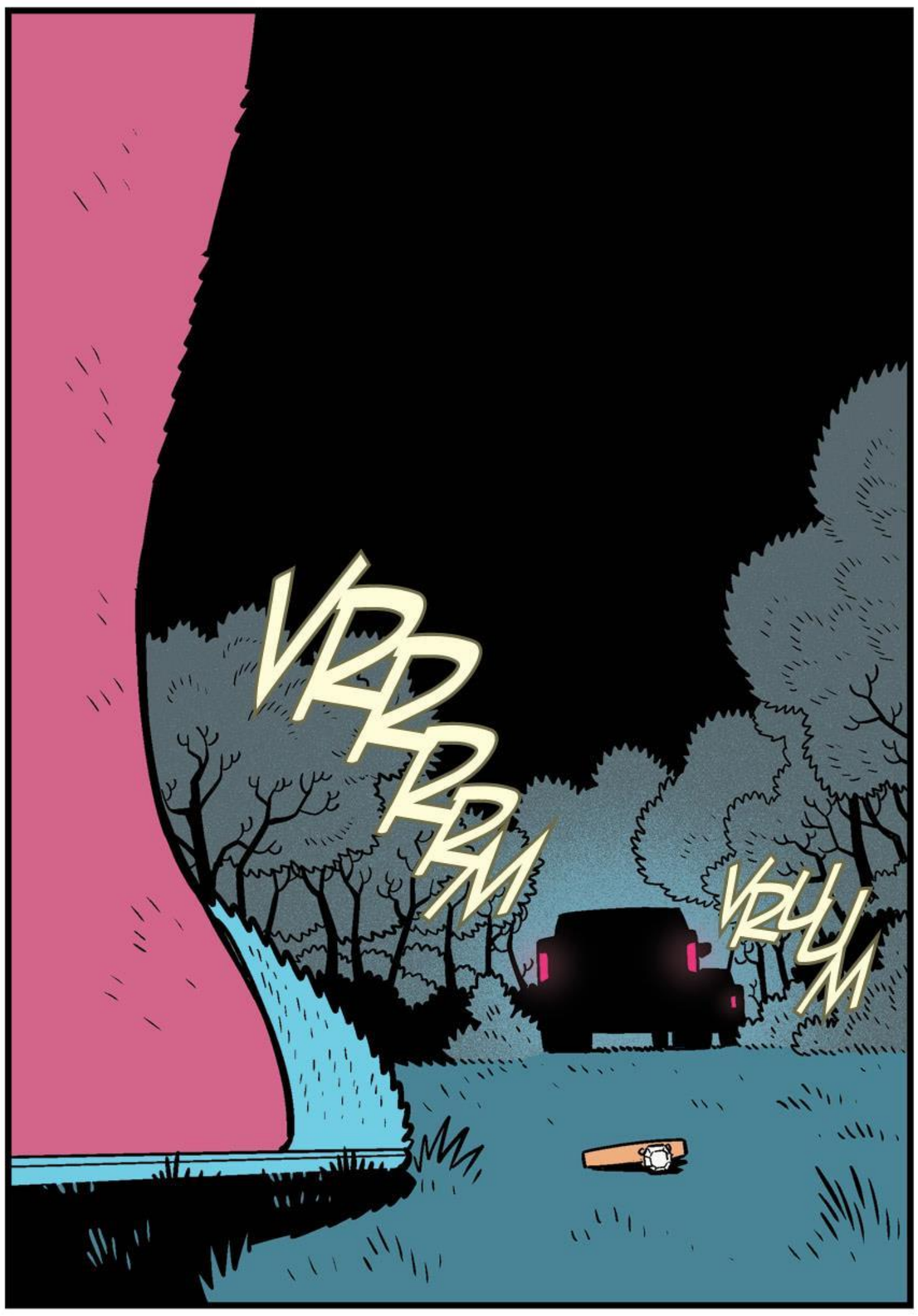
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